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# Poker extension denied

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin\_encinares@saipantribune.com

fter much debate and discussions, the Saipan and Northern Islands >> Lawmaker said \$3.7 million of guaranteed money could be lost

voted yesterday not to pass a bill that would have given poker arcades more time to operate in non-conforming areas.

Legislative Delegation

That means that, as per the reboard by this October.

Rep. John Paul Sablan's (Rquirement of the law, poker arcades Saipan) House Local Bill 20-12 had must move to a conforming area sought to extend by two years the pedesignated by the Saipan Zoning riod to allow poker arcades to operate

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## May arrivals up at 44 pct.

May arrivals

in Marianas

history

creased 44 percent in May 2017 comfor May arrivals was set in 1997 with pared to May 2016. >> 3rd highest

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 50,949 visi-

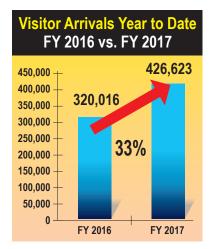
tors in May 2017 compared to 35,466 visitors received in May 2016. This is the third highest May arrivals in the

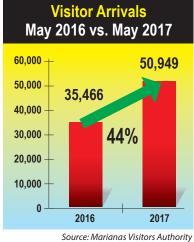
Visitors arrivals to the Marianas in- history of the Marianas; the record 65,367 visitors.

> Arrivals from South Korea jumped 80 percent higher to 24,987 visitors, representing over half of all tourist ar-

rivals to the Marianas for the month. Arrivals from Korea are up 82 per-

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Members of the 20th Legislature confer during a quick recess in yesterday's Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation discussion of extending poker parlors in non-conforming areas. From left to right: Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Jose Itibus (R-Saipan), Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan)

# 185 new voters are mostly fresh grads

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

So far, a total of 185 mostly fresh high school graduates have registered with the Commonwealth Election Commission as new voters.

As of 11am yesterday, there are

» CEC record: There are now 16,211 registered voters for 2018 general election

now a total of 16,211 registered voters in the Commonwealth, according

to CEC executive director Julita Villagomez yesterday morning.

The next election in the Commonwealth is the general election in November 2018.

There were 17,930 registered voters at the November 2016 gen-

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#### IN RESPONSE TO SEN. MANGLONA'S LAWSUIT

### Torres says they are just honoring their parents' wish

Priscilla M. Torres said yesterday A. Manglona (Ind-Rota). all their children, including Sen. Paul

that they are just honoring the wish "Have patti parehu—no more, no are siblings of Paul Manglona. Torres of their parents before they passed less-for all their children, including and Thomas Manglona are adminisaway—equal sharing of property for Paul, to have equal share. And we trators of the estate of their mother, will prevail," Torres said.

Torres and Thomas A. Manglona

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## Expedia.com tags Saipan one of best islands in US

By BEA CABRERA

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A leading travel website, Expedia.com, has named Saipan as one of the best islands in the United States to vacation this summer.

Of the 12 islands cited by the Expedia.com article, as written by staff writer Chloe Mulliner, Saipan managed to get on the list with Vashon Island in Washington, Treasure Island in California, Matagorda Island in Texas, Puerto Rico island in Puerto Rico, Sanibel Island in Florida, Beaver Island in Michigan, Monhegan Island in Maine, Molokai in Hawaii, Wrangell Island in Alaska, Catalina Island in California, and Dauphin Island in Alabama.

Titled "12 amazing islands you'll only find in the US," the article, found at https://viewfinder.expedia.com/features/12amazing-islands-youll-find-us/, came out last week.

Mulliner described Saipan as closer to Asia than North America in the Pacific Ocean. "This American territory is practically always 80s

degrees [Fahrenheit], perfect for a hike to scenic (and historic!) Suicide Cliff and a dip in the waters at secluded Win[g] Beach."

In an email message, Expedia.com communications specialist Jodie Booras said that Saipan "is the only island in your region to be featured [on] this list. Expedia describes your island as a tropical island perfect for scenic hikes and for taking a dip at secluded beaches.'

Expedia.com is a popular travel and destination website and was named as the most admired internet company in the U.S., according to Fortune magazine. In March 2017, Chelsea Clinton was named to the board of Expedia.com.

It is a medium to book airline flights, hotel reservations, cruise ship tours, car rentals, etc. They also offer vacation packages and present various attractions that provide destination suggestions.

Expedia.com chooses the destinations it recommends to the public based on the good reviews it garners from



Location: Middle Road (next to McDonald's) • Hours: 12:00pm – 4:00am (Monday – Wednesday) 24 hours (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

# Cop maces DCCA staff who allegedly trashed GF's items

A police officer maced an employee of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs early Monday morning and later arrested him.

The officer said he sprayed pepper mace on George Repeki, as the suspect was about to punch him when he tried to arrest him for destroying appliances and other belongings at his girlfriend's house in Tanapag.

Repeki, 59, was arrested for criminal mischief, assault and battery on a responding police officer, obstructing justice, resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, and three counts of disturbing the peace.

A \$50,000 cash bail was imposed on Repeki yesterday; preliminary hearing is on June 28 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski was appointed counsel for Repeki Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

According to police, the victim called the Department of Public Safety on Monday at 12:31am to report a domestic disturbance between her and her boyfriend, Repeki.

The victim told DPS she would wait for the police at the Tanapag basketball court because Repeki has a gun.

### Parole denied for 2 convicted murderers

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The parole applications of two convicted murderers have been denied

The Board of Parole has denied the parole applications of Shawn C. Appleby and Jesse James B. Camacho.

Parole officer Jason Lizama said yesterday that the board, however, granted parole to Jose B. Manglona Jr.

Lizama said the board also revoked the parole given to Robert Jake Palacios and Alvaro J. Cabrera after finding out that the two violated the terms and conditions of their parole.

BOP chair Ramon B. Camacho and members Cecilia K. Selepeo, Wally F. Villagomez, and Ignacio S. Mendiola conducted the parole hearing at the Department of Corrections' conference room on Thursday. They deliberated the following day and rendered their decisions.

Chief Prosecutor Michelle Harris opposed the granting of parole for Appleby, Camacho, and Manglona.

Appleby is currently serving a 40-year prison term for killing Byung Ok Suh in November 1996 after robbing the victim's store, Chalan Market, in San Antonio.

Appleby bolted from prison on Oct. 10, 1999, with two other inmates. He was later sentenced to a year in prison, on top of his 40-year sentence.

Jesse James Camacho was the mastermind in the killing of a 13-year-old boy in Dandan in April 1998. He was sentenced in 1999 to 45 years in prison. The victim was stabbed 37 times in his own home as part of initiation rites for membership in the socalled Red Rum gang.

Camacho's co-defendants, both minors at the time, entered a plea deal with the government and were sentenced to two years each.

At 1am, a responding police officer drove from the Tanapag basketball court to the victim's house and he saw extensive damage inside the house. The officer later saw a shirtless man, later identified as Repeki, by a neighbor's lawn.

The officer approached Repeki and tried to secure him when Repeki allegedly turned

Manglona was sentenced in 2015 to two years and six months in prison for theft and violation of probation.

Palacios was sentenced in 2012 to one year in prison for assault, disturbing the peace, violating an order of protection, and stalking in the first degree.

Cabrera was sentenced to three years imprisonment in 2015 for theft and violating the terms of his probation.





around and pushed the officer on the chest. As the officer tried again to handcuff Repeki, he allegedly pulled his hand away and pushed the officer's shoulder twice.

Repeki allegedly clenched

his right fist and was about to punch the officer, who then stepped back and maced him. Repeki was arrested.

The victim told police that Repeki had been drinking since 7pm that Father's

Day and told her to buy more drinks but she refused.

Repeki then took a machete and allegedly threatened to kill her. The victim said she was frightened so she drove her car to Garapan to meet her co-workers.

Police said that most of the victim's belongings were destroyed, the glass from the refrigerator was shattered, the bed was thrown upside down, and drawers were scattered. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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## 'CW-1 240-day extension is hardly beneficial'

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI feels that the 240-day extension granted to CNMI-Only Transitional Worker visa holders will hardly benefit contract workers here.

In an interview with Saipan Tribune, Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago explained that most CW-1 workers may not be able to avail of the 240-day extension.

According a Saipan Tribune article, the 240-day extension is subject to conditions and approval by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The article states, "the 240day relief given to a CW-1 visa holder is only eligible if the employer renews the CW-1 visa and is asking to continue a previously approved employment; the employer files the

petition before the CW-1 visa CW-1 workers who are peexpires; and if the employer asks to extend the employee's stay in the petition."

According to article, the extension is only available to CW-1 workers who will undergo a renewal process for their visa by the same employer.

Because of this condition,

titioned as new employees won't be eligible for this extension, which is almost always the case for most CW-1 employees.

According to Arago, most employers petition their CW-1 workers as new employees.

"Most are afraid that if they

apply for an extension, their application will be rejected," he said.

Arago speaks from experience. According to him, he has witnessed many renewing applicants get rejected and were required to wait to be petitioned as a new applicant.

"...It's true, we applied

extensions separately and all of them were rejected," said Arago.

According to him, because it is riskier to apply for an extension or renewal, most employers petition their employees as new workers.

This makes the 240-day extension non-applicable for majority of CW-1 visa holders who are facing the expiration of their visa.

According to Arago, this extension is also non-beneficial to new visa applicants because you would still need to exit upon approval of their visa.

Upon approval, visa holders are required to return to the country they came from.

According to Arago, if the petition for a new visa is approved, the applicant must undergo a consular briefing and undergo the whole process that every new employee must undergo, like an interview with the U.S. Embassy and acquiring an I-94 or proof that you are authorized to work in the United States.

#### TORRES

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Bernadita Manglona.

Sen. Manglona is suing Torres, Thomas Manglona, and his own mother's estate over a disputed 4,181-square-meter piece of land on Upper Capital Hill, Saipan.

Torres said they didn't do any wrongdoing.

Torres reiterated her and Thomas Manglona's earlier

statement that they are disappointed that their brother, Paul Manglona, has chosen to sue them over what they consider to be family property.

Torres said that Paul Manglona's claims are meritless and that they have confidence in the judicial process.

Torres said declined a more extensive statement in the case at the advice of their counsel, Samuel Mok. (Ferdie de la Torre)

#### MAY

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cent overall this fiscal year, driven by direct flight services via five airlines: Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, Eastar, and T'way. Arrivals from Korea are expected to steadily increase due to additional Eastar charter flights in August and due to an increase in Busan-Saipan service to four times weekly by Jeju Air beginning June 6.

Arrivals from China grew 26 percent compared to May 2017 to 18,557 visitors. Labor Day and dragon boat festival holidays in May brought more Chinese visitors to the Marianas, while advertisement on bus and residential elevators gave Saipan, Tinian, and Rota wider exposures to customers in second-tier cities.

Arrivals from Japan are at 4,094 visitors in May, about 7 percent lower versus May 2016. With Delta's single daily flight from Tokyo-Narita, load factors are over 70 percent for the month, which is positive news for the Japan market. Delta has agreed to add Saipan to their ongoing beach resort promotional campaign beginning July, which includes promotions to Hawaii, Palau and Guam. The MVA has recently conducted familiarization tours from Sendai and Fukuoka with Asiana Airlines and Jin Air, respectively, and both airlines have agreed to begin selling package tours to the Marianas from those two cities. The MVA is also in intense negotiations with several LCCs to launch new service from unserved cities in Japan, which will help increase ar-

rivals from this key market, if

successful.

The Marianas also received one cruise ship arrival during the month with 85 passengers aboard.

#### **Economic highlights**

In South Korea, Liberal Democratic Party candidate Moon Jae-in received over 41.08 percent votes to be elected as the country's 19th president on May 10. There is expected to be a dramatic change in government policies ranging from the economy and national security to North Korea. The average USD/won exchange rate in May was 1,126.80 won, a slight increase from the April rate of 1,124.19 won.

China is widely expected to become the world's largest outbound travel market, with a rapidly developing and increasingly wealthy population, all keen and hungry to explore international travel destinations both near and far. Since 2010, the number of outbound travelers from China has posted solid growth, year on the year. By the year 2014, China delivered a record-breaking number of 100-million international travelers. A mere two years later, 2016 saw explosive growth of 19.5 percent, resulting in 122 million travelers.

The Japanese government has kept unchanged its overall assessment of the economy for May-that it is recovering gradually, although pockets of weakness remain. The economy is expected to recover gradually as employment and wages continue to improve. Monthly average rate for U.S. dollar to Japanese yen exchange in May 2017 was 112.20, up from 110.14 the previous month of April. (MVA)



#### **POKER**

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in non-conforming areas. Its defeat in yesterday's delegation session scotched that.

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), who led the discussion on the issue, cited that the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, which is mainly funded by a portion of poker licensing fees, has \$4.7 million in its bank account as of May 2017.

Because of this, he said, SHEFA has enough funds to last it for at least a year—an amount of time that Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) said is ample enough time to find one of many alternative funding options for SHEFA.

Propst also pointed out that the law merely relocates poker parlors to conforming areas on Saipan.

According to Sablan, there are currently 25 poker parlors located in non-conforming areas.

Including those that are in conforming areas, there are over 50 poker parlors altogether on Saipan.

Sablan said these were the numbers he retrieved from the Department of Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation. Sablan said the 25 affected poker parlors represent 309 poker machines.

Each machine is subject to a

poker license fee amounting to \$12,000 per machine. At 309 poker machines, Sablan said there is a guaranteed \$3.7 million in poker license fees that the central government and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program could look forward to-an amount of money Sablan said he is just trying to protect.

Rep. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. (R-Saipan) pointed out that \$3.7 million is significant. "What is two years?" he asked delegation members. "You sometimes have to make tough decisions to support others."

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), who could not help but raise his voice during the discussion, pointed out that poker parlors were given four years to move to a conforming area.

"If you want to change my mind to support the extension, where are these companies?" he asked, adding that he wanted to support the bill but because of the lack of data, he could not. "Who's the idiot? Am I the idiot or are they the idiots? There was a law [passed], there was a rule you must move in four years. Now we are going to give them another two years. Of course, why would we not listen to our constituents' concerns?"

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) said the lack of rules and proper regulations has allowed poker parlors to become

breeding ground for crime.

Although poker parlors are 'somewhat regulated by the [Department of Finance]," Demapan said that Finance regulations focus more on poker compliance fees and not on poker parlors' operating hours as well as how poker parlors were supposed to operate. He added that legislation is currently in the works to allow for greater regulation of poker parlors.

Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan), who initially signed as a co-sponsor of the bill, withdrew his support after he said his constituents urged him to do otherwise.

Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan) mentioned one of the main intentions of the poker parlors in the past was to provide entertainment for tourists. He said that somewhere along the way, the parlors started to cater more to locals rather than the former. Attao then introduced a substitute bill proposing to tax gaming revenue. Delegation legal counsel John Cool deemed that Attao's bill was not relevant to Sablan's bill, an opinion that ultimately killed the substitute bill.

Sablan told Saipan Tribune that the intent of the bill was merely to "protect every revenue [source] and maximize [revenue sources] from all types of businesses."

ers is to protect those sources of funding we can get for the government," he said.

Sablan added that Public Law 18-56 has a provision that bars the addition of poker machines. This means that the number of poker machines can only be reduced.

"Come October 2017, if these poker parlors that are not in conforming areas cannot find a conforming area and [opt] not to renew their licenses, the number of poker machines will drop by half, with no way to renew," he said, adding that the existing 309 machines amount to \$3.7 million in guaranteed revenue.

In support of the bill were Rep. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. (R-Saipan), Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan), House Speaker Raphael Demapan (R-Saipan), Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan), and Rep. Janet Maratita (R-Saipan).

Those who voted against it were Rep. Frank Aguon (R-Saipan), Attao (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan), Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Demapan (R-Saipan), Rep. Jose Itibus (R-Saipan), Propst (R-Saipan), Rep. Vinson Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (R-Saipan), Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan), Igisomar (R-Saipan), Sen. Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan), and Palacios.

"Our job as policymak-

while there are no still no lines. To register, CEC just needs

either a valid U.S. passport or a copy of the birth certificate. For those residing on Tinian

or Rota, those islands' respective election commissioners can accept their applications to register.

For those residing in Guam and in the U.S. mainland, they can download the form from the CEC website, www.votecnmi.gov.mp, fill it up, and mail it directly to CEC.

not need to register again unless they did not vote during the preceding two general elections, or are transferring from one election district to another.

#### **VOTERS**

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eral election.

The election commission started registering new voters just a week after the November 2016 election, Villagomez said.

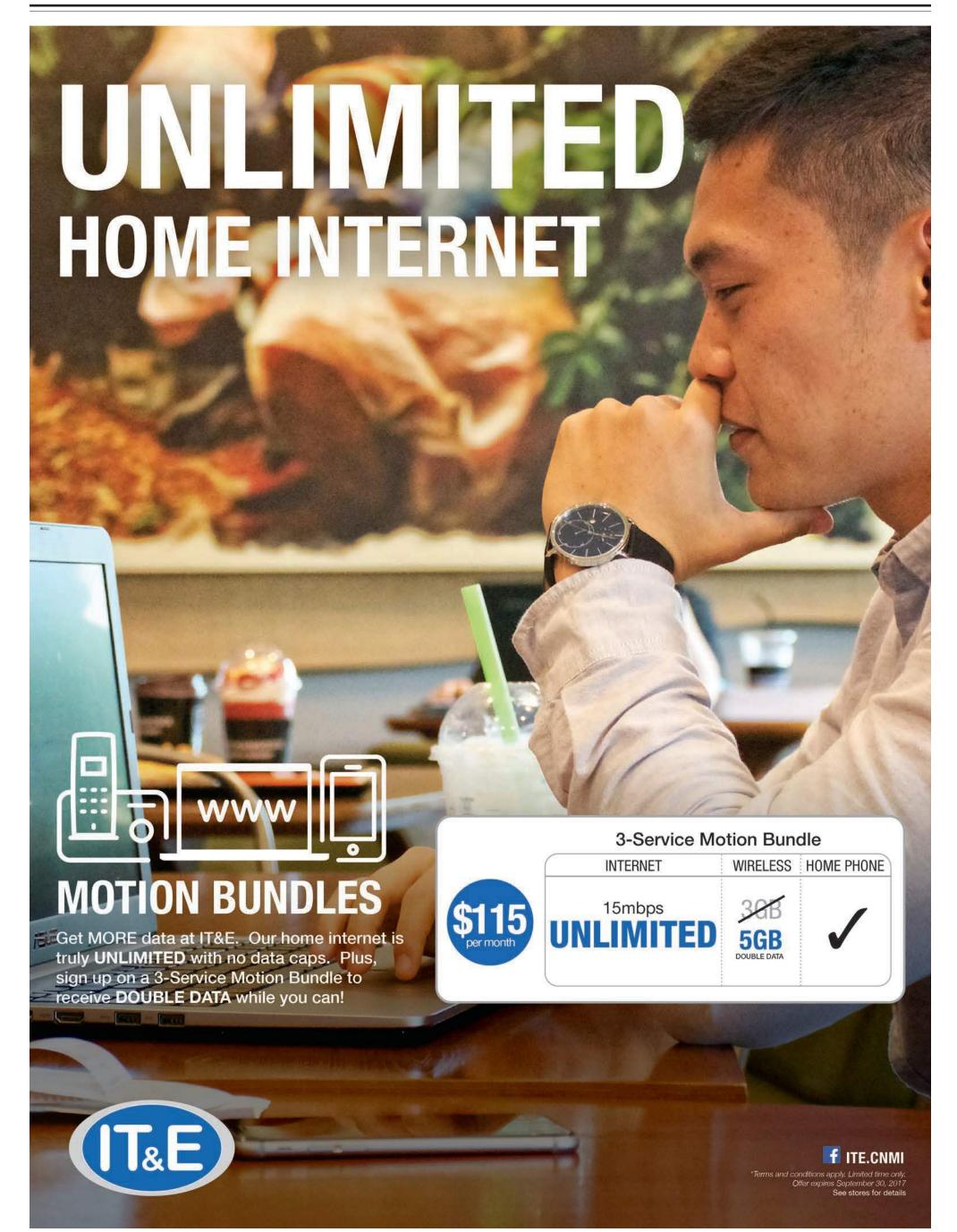
This time, the deadline to register will be 60 days before the November 2018

election, she said.

Even those who are just 17 years old now are already eligible to register as a voter as long as they are qualified and will already be 18 years old by the time the November 2018 election rolls in, Villagomez said.

Voter registration is also among the requirements for students to get some scholarships and in pursuing college education. Villagomez encouraged new voters to register now

Once registered, voters do





#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-026

#### Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing, financials and work order software developer firms, for the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (ERP) software and sustainment for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails assessment, training, project management, migration, application and implementation. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project, collaborative and performance reporting

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio B. Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.



#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

#### **OEM-Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the** Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-023. Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 7, 2017 at 10-00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety, Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certify insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submissional part or to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org, Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.

# 3-yr. coral bleaching easing, but still bad

WASHINGTON (AP)—A

mass bleaching of coral reefs worldwide is finally easing after three years, U.S. scientists announced Monday.

About three-quarters of the world's delicate coral reefs were damaged or killed by hot water in what scientists say was the largest coral catastrophe.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced a global bleaching event in May 2014. It was worse than previous global bleaching events in 1998 and 2010.

The forecast age doesn't look widespread in the Indian Ocean, so the event loses its global scope.

Bleaching will still be bad in the Caribbean and Pacific, but it'll be less severe than recent years, said NOAA coral reef watch coordinator C. Mark Eakin.

Places like Australia's Great Barrier Reef, northwest Hawaii, Guam and parts of the Caribbean have been hit with back-to-back destruction, Eakin said.

University of Victoria, British Columbia, coral reef scientist Julia Baum plans to travel to Christmas Island in the Pacific where the coral reefs have looked like ghost towns in recent years.

"This is really good news," Baum said. "We've been totally focused on coming out of the carnage of the 2015-2016 El Nino."

While conditions are improving, it's too early to celebrate, said Eakin, adding that the world may be at a new normal where reefs are barely able to survive during good conditions.

Eakin said coral have difficulty surviving water already getting warmer by man-made climate change. Extra heating of the water from a natural El Nino nudges coral conditions over the edge.

About one billion people use coral reefs for fisheries or tourism. Scientists have said that coral reefs are one of the first and most prominent indicators of global warming.

"I don't see how they can take one more hit at this point," Baum said. "They need a reprieve."

## Chefs create unique dishes for LibDay festivities

Starting this Saturday, get ready to sample one-of-a-kind dish creations made by the islands' professional chefs at the 2017 CNMI Liberation Day festivities

Assisted by culinary art students from the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, the unique dishes will be the star entries from June 24 to July 4 at the Chef's Booth, which will be sponsored by

The Chef's Booth will provide an opportunity for professional chefs to share their own creations each night at the 2017 CNMI Liberation Day carnival grounds at Garapan Fishing Base.

The Chef's Booth has three purposes: To appreciate the talent and expertise of island chefs, to provide an oppor-

Frank M. Rabauliman Administrator

tunity for young chefs of NMTI's Culinary Arts program to assist professionals at a live event, and to fundraise for NMTI's Culinary Arts program.

The Chef's Booth will feature 11 chefs for the 11 days of the festivities. Each one will be making a small dish of their choice and will be assisted by NMTI graduates and students. Since it is a fundraiser, each dish will be \$7 and will serve the first 150 to 200 customers, with proceeds to be donated to NMTI's Culinary Arts program.

"We are super excited about this creative addition to our Liberation Day festivities and invite everyone to come and support our chefs as they share their wonderful recipes with us all and help

Janice E. Castro Acting Director

our culinary students," said 2017 CNMI Liberation Day committee chair Matt Deleon Guerrero.

The title sponsors directly assisting the Chef's Booth are Joeten Enterprises and Triple J Enterprises.

The chefs, in order of appearance, are:

- June 24 (Saturday) Sam Sablan: Chicken and beef liver pate with savory mango and cherry tomatoes compote
- June 25 (Sunday) Roland Auer: Imperial burger "charcoal" jalapeno, gruyere cheese, BBQ ketchup,
- June 26 (Monday) Sonnie Sablan: Deconstructed mango cheese cake
- June 27 (Tuesday) Thomas Kluckner: St. Louise spareribs "ron sweet & spicy," sambal, horseradish cream
- June 28 (Wednesday) Vinson Leon Guerrero: shrimp & SBC beer cheese with chicharron gremolota
- June 29 (Thursday) Frederic Despres: Choux pastry, pastry cream, banana & passion fruit
- June 30 (Friday) Ed Hofschneider: Bulgogi beef tacos with topped with kimchi coco slaw and finished with a gochujang aioli,
- July 1 (Saturday) Peter Wiedner: Snapper "unaga ceviche", papaya, cilantros, Thai basil, chili, scallion, cilantro, lime, tangerine
- July 2 (Sunday) Inas Hocog: Katsu mole your mouf sandwich
- July 3 (Monday) Chin Fatt Foo: Crispy golden prawn, spiced yellow Chinese mustard, mango salsa
- July 4 (Samson Tan): Shortribs BBQ "Original Spicy Bulgogi Sauce" with papaya coco.

For more information, www.facebook.com/ CNMILIBDAY or email nmiliberation@gmail.com. (PR)

## **NOTICE OF MEETING** OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
Division of Coastal Resources Management
P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 664-8300; Fax: (670) 664-8315

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 10:00AM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai, Middle Road, Saipan

#### **AGENDA**

#### PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order b. Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- II. PERMIT APPLICATION

#### Bridge Investment Group, LLC

Tinian Commercial Terminal (TMS-2017-X-067)

Review for Certification of Completeness III. OTHER MATTERS

Pre-application Presentation: JG Sablan Pagan Island Basalt / Pozzolan Mining

#### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.

JANICE E. CASTRO

Acting DCRM Director

# Eight vying for LibDay royal court crown



Carlicia Ruben



Mikaella Dahil



**Chloe Fegurgur** 



Kaila De Guzman



**Maxine Lopez** 



Mikeangela Charfauros



**Peyton Gomez** 



Riannalyn Manabat

Eight lovely young women are volunteering their time and energy to help raise funds to continue the legacy of honoring the brave men and women serving in U.S. armed forces through the 2017 CNMI Liberation Day Festivities.

For 72 years, the CNMI continues the traditional celebration of July 4th. This year, it begins this Saturday, June 24, at the Garapan Fishing Base from 6pm to 10pm.

The unique part of this year's celebration is that the 2017 CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court candidates have a community platform, which is to promote the importance of the islands' local birds, underscoring the theme "Celebrating Culture, Community and Service."

Mikeangela Charfuros is representing the Tinian monarch or Chichirikan, Mikaella Dahil is representing the white tern or Chunge', Chloe Fergurgur is representing the kingfisher or *Sihek*, Peyton Gomez is representing the Rota bridled white eye or Nosa, Kaila De Guzman is representing the Saipan golden white eye or Canario, Maxine Lopez is representing the white-throated ground dove or Paluman Apaka', Riannalyn Manabat is representing the Mariana swiftlet or Chachaguak and Carlicia Ruben is representing the rufus fantail or *Na'abak*.

All eight 2017 CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court candidates have been busy selling raffle tickets and have distributed close to \$50,000 worth of tickets so far.

"This is a wonderful group of young women who have dedicated their summer to help their community celebrate our most important occasion of all, the celebration of our freedom," said 2017 CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court chair Peachy Quitugua.

The candidates also helped raise funds at the first Bingo Night at the Garapan Public Market, attended the premiere

of Wonder Woman in support of the NMI Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, held a fun slumber party sponsored by Hyatt Regency Saipan, hosted a raffle ticket station at Triple J Truckload Store, and will host various

activities throughout the fes-

The 2017 CNMI Liberation Day Committee's title sponsors are Hyatt Regency Saipan, Bank of Guam, Triple J Enterprises, Joeten Enterprises, Joeten Daidai Founda-

tion, TanHoldings, Tan Siu Li Foundation, Docomo Pacific, Marianas Variety, McDonald's Saipan, Power 99 FM, Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Mayor's Office, CNMI Legislature, and the CNMI Governor's Office. (PR)

# How's Your Hearing:

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Thursday, June 29th 8:30am - 4:00pm

at Marianas Medical Center in Garapan



All interested patients should call **Marianas Medical Clinic for scheduling** 

234-3925/7

Most insurance accepted



# Triple J offers Hyundai car as a hole-in-one prize

Triple J Saipan is donating a brand new 2017 Hyundai Tucson GL as a hole-in-one prize for the HANMI Golf Tournament this weekend. This is the 16<sup>th</sup>annual tournament held at Laolao Golf Resort.

As an organization that promotes the hotel industry of the islands, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands hosts this event each year to help reach out and provide education about tourism as well as assistance to the community. In past years, the funds have been used for a variety of charitable purposes and activities that further the vision of community betterment and a healthier tourism industry.

"We couldn't be happier helping out HANMI in their tournament because tourism is everyone's business. HANMI hotels are our long-time partners so it is important to us that we support this organization however we can," said Jay Santos, general manager of Triple J Truckload Store and Five Star Wholesale Foods.

The Hyundai Tucson GL has a roomy interior, is finished with premium materials, front wheel drive, safety features, keyless entry, and backup camera.



Triple J officials and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands team members pose with the HANMI Golf Tournament hole-in-one prize, a 2017 Hyundai Tucson GL.

"It really is the perfect fit for any lifestyle, and comes with the Triple J Car Care package," said Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele.

The HANMI Golf Tournament is expecting 144 golfers.

HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh said, "Our participants are so excited about this holein-one prize from Triple J, we are so thankful to be working with them."

The Triple J group of companies has several major operations, which include the Triple J Auto Group, which represents Hyundai, Mitsubishi and Mazda; Triple J Rentals, the licensee for Hertz Rent A Car in Guam, Saipan and Palau; Five Star Wholesale Foods, the distributor of high-quality food items including certified Angus beef, Hawaii Water, and Tyson food products; and Triple J Restaurant Group, which owns and operates Outback Steakhouse in Guam, and Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Surf Club, Tony Roma's, Capricciosa and Truong's Restaurant on Saipan.

For more information, visit www.triplejgroup.net. (PR)

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **OES now accepting registrations**

Oleai Elementary School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Parents and guardians of returning students are also asked to update registration and all supporting documents. Registration forms are available at our main office. For more information or inquiry, call our main office at 664-3942. (PR)

#### MHS report cards now available

Report cards for Marianas High School students are available. Registration for new incoming and returning students for Marianas High School is ongoing until July 31, 2017. Copies of all required documents must be attached before your child can be registered. Call 664-3800/01 or visit www.marianashighschool.com for more information. (PR)

#### Free presentation on coral reefs in the Marianas

On Thursday, June 22, the Asia-Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management will host a presentation by scientists aboard the research vessel Hi'ialakai of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the American Memorial Park auditorium, starting at 6pm. Everyone is invited. Questions from the audience are encouraged.

In addition to its reef research, the cruise also assisted NOAA's Cetacean Research Program through the retrieval and deployment of high-frequency acoustic recording packages, or HARPs, in the Pacific Remote Islands and around Tinian and Saipan. These devices are deployed to continually collect data on whale and dolphin vocalizations. (PR)

#### Temporary closure of the Garapan Fishing Base Boat launching ramp

All boaters and frequent visitors to the Garapan Fishing Base are reminded that the fishing base boat launching ramp will be temporarily closed from today. June 19, to Friday, June 23 2017, to provide the Hawaiian Rock Products construction crew ample time to complete the paving of the trailer boat parking lot. Please avoid parking in the proposed paving area. For more information, contact the Department of Lands and Natural Resources at 322-9834. (PR)

#### **Change in water service hours**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has changed the water service hours for customers along Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road in As

Lito and As Perdido. Due to the daily low tank levels caused by a decrease in water supply from the CUC water wells in Isley Field, CUC customers in the affected areas will be receiving water service from 6am to 4pm daily. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). (PR)

#### **SHEFA** now accepting applications

For all new, ongoing and returning applicants: The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program is now accepting applications for fall 2017. Application deadline is July 3, 2017, and deadline to submit all supporting documents is Sept. 30, 2017. Application and checklist can be downloaded from www.saipanshefa.net. For more information, visit the SHEFA website, email saipanshefa@gmail.com, or call the office directly at (670) 233-5995. Applications can be scanned and emailed, submitted to the SHEFA office, or faxed to (670) 235-5996. (PR)

#### **SSHS** registration

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Come to our main office and pick up registration forms. All requirements must be turned in. Call 664-4000/2 for any other information. (PR)

#### **KHS** registration

All parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being informed that KHS is open for enrollment and accepting registrations all summer. It is ideal to get your registration submitted ASAP to get your child scheduled in the optimum classes they need to graduate! So far we have received less than 150 registrations from returning students. We have also received very few registration forms from incoming freshmen! Please don't delay, register your child for school today. Registration can be printed from https://goo.gl/x2KvcL. (PR)

#### **VA** benefits counselor to visit Saipan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan. A VA benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA outreach clinic on June 28, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm, to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA outreach clinic is located at the MH II Building, Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. (PR)

# Guam War Claims Program opens

WASHINGTON, Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced yesterday that the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has opened the Guam War Claims

The Program will be open for one year and claimants will have until June 20, 2018, to submit a claim directly with the FCSC.

Program.

The Guam War Claims Program was established by a provision Bordallo included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 and signed into law by President Barack Obama on Dec. 23, 2016. The law authorizes the payment of claims to the living survivors and the spouses, children, or parents of those who died during the occupation of Guam during World War II.

The commission has developed a standardized Statement of Claim form through which eligible individuals will file a claim directly with the commission. The Statement of Claim form is available in both English and Chamorro and will be considered prima facie evidence for a claim; no other information or supporting documentation is required but may be included if desired.

Forms are available on Bordallo's website at www. bordallo.house.gov/warclaims or directly with the FCSC at

www.justice.gov/fcsc. Forms am eternally grateful for their will also be available at Bor-

dallo's Guam District Office. Before submit-

ting a claim, all forms must be notarized before they sent directly to the FCSC no later than June 20, 2018. The FCSC must

receive original notarized forms before it can process a claim. The FCSC's mailing address is:

Bordallo

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

600 E Street, N.W. Room

Washington, D.C. 20579

Bordallo's office stands ready to assist any individual who wishes to file a claim. Individuals may call Bordallo's District Office at 477-4272 or visit in person should they have any questions regarding the program.

"Today the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission officially opened the Guam War Claims Program and our survivors or the spouses, children, or parents of those who died during the war can now file their claim. This program brings us one step closer to closing this painful chapter in our history and finally recognizing our man'amko for their experiences and patriotism during the occupation. I patience as we worked to se-

cure passage of this law and as we move forward in implementing it. My office stands ready to assist those who need help filing a claim or answering any questions during this process.

"I want to again thank the many individuals who worked tirelessly to move this issue forward. I especially recognize my predecessors-[Delegates] Antonio Won Pat, Ben Blaz, and Robert Underwood—for laying the groundwork for this bill. I also acknowledge the work of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, and Chairman Mauricio Tamargo, the late Speaker Tony Unpingco, and Speaker BJ Cruz.

'Lastly, I recognize that there are still concerns in our community regarding the funding source for the payment of claims. I continue to work with my colleagues on an alternative funding solution that will hold Guam's treasury harmless, but it is important to remember that the law does ensure that our man'amko will receive their claim. I look forward to having a 'One Guam' approach as we work to resolve this remaining issue." (PR)

# Rota officers undergo firearms law training

Services, and Division of Cus-

The training is part of At-

torney General Edward Mani-

busan's initiative on law en-

forcement training, and was

done at the request of Rota

DPS resident director Eusebio

toms attended the training.

Assistant Attorney General Charles Brasington conducted training on June 4 and 5 to Rota law enforcement officers on the sweeping amendments made to the Commonwealth's firearms statutes, known as the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement, or SAFE I and

Thirty-five officers from

## Bauleong posts \$400 cash bail

Office of the Public Auditor investigator Melissa H. Bauleong appeared at the Superior Court yesterday and posted a \$400 bail for contempt of court.

She was released from custody and directed to return to court on July 11 at 1:30pm. If she fails to appear, a bench warrant will be issued against her and she will forfeit the bail.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued on Friday another bench warrant for Bauleong's arrest after she failed to appear in court for a review hearing in connection with a civil lawsuit against her over a debt.

According to court documents, Wells Fargo Financial Saipan Inc. filed a lawsuit in SAFE II

Rota's Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical

2011 against Bauleong for al-

legedly not paying a \$3,742

Last March, Bauleong was

arrested on the strength of a

bench warrant for failing to

At the March 29, 2017,

hearing, Bauleong appeared in

court under custody. Camacho

released her and ordered her

to continue her biweekly pay-

hearing, Bauleong failed to ap-

pear. This prompted Camacho

to issue another bench warrant

Saipan Tribune learned that

Bauleong's contract with OPA

is expiring this month. (Ferdie

ments of \$80 to Wells Fargo. At the June 13, 2017, review

debt plus interest.

appear at the hearing.

"Continuing education and training is important for the men and women in law enforcement as it helps reinforce community monitoring and trust among law enforcement officers and the communities they serve," said Manglona.

"With the recent passing

of the new firearms laws, law enforcement personnel must be educated on the new requirements of the statutes, especially because they are in the front line of ensuring compliance with the law," said Manibusan.

At the training, Brasington reviewed the requirements in SAFE I and II, which were enacted in 2016. He also taught Rota law enforcement officers about the Second Amendment's right to bear arms and recent federal court decisions that led to the enactment of SAFE I and II.

The Office of the Attorney

General has drafted regulations to implement the enforcement of the SAFE laws. The regulations would ensure that the Department of Public Safety processes and manages applications for Firearm Owner's Identification Cards appropriately and in a timely manner. DPS is also obligated to conduct background checks on all applicants for Firearm Owner's IDs and prospective firearm vendors

In 2014, the CNMI's thenexisting Weapons Control Act was challenged when a private citizen sued the Com-

monwealth over the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to keep and bear arms. The U.S. District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands struck down the statute's 40-year prohibition against handguns as a violation of the Second Amendment. A second lawsuit challenged, among other things, the Commonwealth's assault rifle ban, restriction on rifle calibers, and firearm registration requirements. After hearing arguments from both sides, the court held that the caliber restriction and the registration provisions of the Weapons Control Act violated the Second Amendment. *(OAG)* 



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#### **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** Office of the Secretary of Public Works





Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), would like to notify the general public that DPW, will make available for each Senatorial District the Federal-Aid Highway Program, Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 thru 2020. The Federal-Aid Highway Program is a formula grant program that the CNMI Government receives annually from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The goal of this notification is to provide citizens with a better understanding of the transportation decision making process, and encourage community participation in addressing current and future transportation needs such as; roads, bicycle and pedestrian designated facilities, safety, and maintenance of transportation

The following projects listed in this four year TTIP are:

Phase	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
n/a	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations
n/a	On the Job Training	On the Job Training	On the Job Training	On the Job Training
n/a	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute
Preliminary Engineering	Route 103 Roadway Improvements	Route 24 Resurfacing West	Route 25 Resurfacing South	
	Route 317 Gualo Rai Road and Drainage Improvements	Route 27 Road Repair (behind Tinian Dynasty)	Route 205 Road Improvement	
		Route 206 Road Improvement		
		Route 35 Airport Road Improvement		
		Route 316 Savana Road		
		Route 310 Tapochau Road and Drainage Improvements		
Construction	Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase	Route 10 Drainage Upgrade from Pinatang Park to CUC Power Plant, Phase 2	Route 11 Sabana Road Improvement, Phase 1	Route 11 Sabana Road Improvement, Phase 2
	Double 00	Route 27 Road Repair	Route 24 Resurfacing West	Route 25 Resurfacing South
	Route 36 Windward/Chalan Kalabera Development –	(behind Tinian Dynasty)	Route 30 Chalan Pale Arnold Hazard Elimination	Route 206 Road Improvement
	Construction Phase	Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 3 (Horiguchi Bldg. to Quarter Master)	Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 3 (Horiguchi Bldg. to Quarter	Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 2 (Quarter Master to
		Route 34 Kagman Road	Master)	Chalan Pìao)
		Route 35 Airport Road Improvement –ROW	Route 310 Tapochau Road and Drainage Improvements	
		Route 317 Gualo Rai and Drainage Improvements		

For comments, suggestions, or questions you can email Mr. Kenn Aldan, Projects Coordinator at kla.dpwtsd@gmail.com and for copies of the scope of work for the above construction projects you can reach the Federal Highway Section at 234-9828 to request to pick one up at their office on the 2nd Floor of the Oleai

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT** REQUEST FOR PROPOS

on Friday.

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RFP NO.: RFP17-BECQ/DEQ-145

SUBMISSION: JULY 14, 2017

"DEVELOPMENT OF THE CNMI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANUAL: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE BUREAU OF **ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL'** 

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER <u>June 14, 2017</u> from BECQ office or by EM-Mail request 

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CMMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANKLIN M. RABAULIMAN ADMINISTRATOR OR BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



SUBMISSION: JULY 14, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"CNMI MARINE RESOURCE ECONOMIC VALUATION STUDY FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL, DIVISION OF COASTAL **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT'** 

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER <u>JUNE 14, 2017</u> FROM BECQ OFFICE OR BY EM-MAIL REQUEST TO <u>erinderrington@becq.gov.mp</u>. **Questions** regarding this RFP can be emailed to <u>erinderrington@becq.gov.mp</u> erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. Questions regarding to No Later than the close of business, <u>July 05, 2017</u>. THE PROVISIONS OF THE CMMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ FRANKLIN M. RABAULIMAN

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN



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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS 2017-CDA-07-IFB

CLOSING DATE: Monday, July 17, 2017 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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# Tone down rhetoric on both sides, if you please

ou hear a lot of people in political conversations these days talking about the need to "tone down the rhetoric," although it is not always clear what they mean.

The expression took on a new urgency, if not full clarity, after the horrible baseball field shooting Wednesday that left Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, the House majority whip, and four others wounded in a Washington suburb.

"I only hope that the Democrats do tone down the rhetoric," said Rep. Chris Collins, a New York Republican, in a Buffalo radio station interview. "The rhetoric has been outrageous ... the finger-pointing, just the tone and the angst and the anger directed at Donald Trump (and) his supporters."

At the scene of the horror in Alexandria, Va., Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King gave an even more gloomy and sweeping assessment. "America has been divided," he said. "And the center of America is disappearing, and the violence is appearing in the streets, and it's coming from the left."

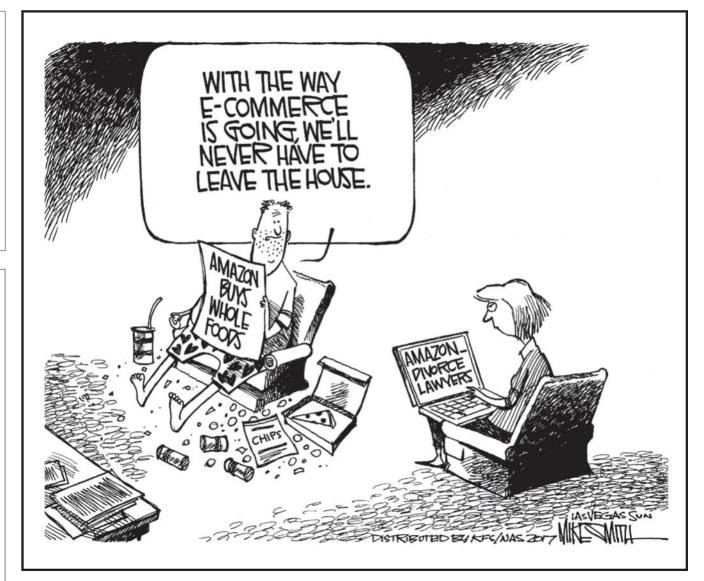
From the left? Ah, what happened to those heartwarming, patriotic, come-together calls for unity that Republican Speaker Paul Ryan and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi issued right after the shootings?

Before the end of the day, the tragedy began to become a political issue, largely because the shooter, James T. Hodgkinson of Belleville, Ill., who was killed in the police shootout, was revealed to have been a liberal. He had volunteered for Bernie Sanders presidential campaign and expressed anti-Trump and anti-Republican views on his social network pages. (Informed of this, Sanders denounced the man and his violent acts.)

To former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, that information confirmed his perceptions of "increasing intensity of hostility on the left," he said in an appearance that morning on Fox News. Among his examples, he picked an easy target: comedian Kathy Griffin's infamously tasteless depiction of a decapitated Trump, a stunt that that was outlandish enough to embarrass a lot of her fans.

Newt also singled out another example that also was cited that day by Donald Trump Jr., the president's oldest son: the Public Theater's Free Shakespeare in the Park produc-

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#### FROM WRITER'S BLOCK TO WRITER'S BOUNTY!

# 10 secrets to completing your book

#### There's no such thing!

Perhaps the first thing you can do to overcome this thing formerly known as writer's block is to stop validating its existence. In other words, stop saying it! Don't believe the hype. As long as your brain is functioning and as long as the universe exists, your book is being created. As long as you can manage any thought at all about your book, the universe is always at work bringing that thought into existence! The creative force of the universe never takes a vacation, never goes on strike, and can never be blocked. Whether you realize it or not, there are many aspects to your book's creation beyond simply putting words to paper. For instance, on the creative side, your book requires character development, plot tweaking, and world creation. On the marketing side, you need a press release, website content, and your bio. On the sales side, you need to compile a list of bookstores, libraries, and websites to contact. Putting words on the page is only one aspect of a much larger creative process required for your book to exist.

Therefore, if at any given moment, you feel that the words-on-the-page part is not working for you, it may be an indication—an opportunity, in fact—to focus on other seemingly unrelated but divinely connected aspects of creation. Your "book" in all its many facets is always communicating with you.

Feel stuck? You might find that working on the website sales copy gives you some ideas that your book requires in order to improve itself.

At a loss for words to write? You might find that fleshing out the characters' society, their language and individual backstories helps to give you new ideas to move the story along.

Staring at a blank screen? It might be your characters' way of telling you you don't know enough about their personalities and motivations; create a character outline that includes personality type, soul age, life theme, and even your characters' Myer's Briggs test score so you understand each character a little better.

Your book is more than just a book, and your ever-expanding "to do" list should include research, administrative, sales and marketing tasks as well as future ideas. There is *always* something you can be doing that is essential to the overall project you are creating.

When confronted with "writer's block," therefore, I suggest to you that the real challenge is not that you have nothing to

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do, but that you have too much to do, and what you perceive to be a block is actually a bounty you're not noticing! Once you commit to any book project, you set the creative forces of the universe into motion, and each aspect of this book's reality will make itself known to you for you to organize, prioritize and implement—and not always in the order and sequence you might expect! A book is more than just a book. Get to work!

At the same time, there are, in fact certain things you can do to stimulate the creative process and take advantage of that bounty. Here are a few suggestions:

#### 2. Work from lists

With that in mind, if you make a habit of adding to your task list *every* idea, chapter title, plot twist, cool new vocabulary word, sales channel or research item that pops into your head when you're *not* actually writing, then on those days you're not inspired to create dialogue, you'll always have something you can do to push the project further along.

#### 3. Find your best time

What time of day are you most creative? Morning? Night? Many creatives find that early mornings are their most inspired and productive. In the morning, there's less noise and cosmic static in the ether. During sleep, your brain has been cycling through slower, high amplitude brainwave activity, and has just emerged from the "theta" brainwave state of increased creativity, emotional connection, intuition and relaxation, as well as deep sleep "delta" activity during which your body heals and rejuvenates (your body is cleaner after a night of fasting), and, therefore, your brain's ability

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Haf na balukan machaleg hau gi halum tropa sige umesuette asuntu kadu` guaha un` chochogue.

Gi hilu' este, mauleg pa'gu ta sensura manu chimu para un' adelanta kinalamten familia fumana` diariu na mattiru siha guine.

Pot mas ke benti (20) años masimientu i sueddu 'nai taya' hatsada. Lau presiun nesessidat sige ha' hulu'. Manu gi halum este na mattiru `nai numa `halum hau ausiliu para i familia siha gi señgsoñg?

Yangin yomug seru repotkatmu haf` na un` sedi ennau na diskuidu? Kau lamayot patte pot ti un` komprendi i asuntu? Manu gi asuntun ekonomia ti un' komprendi fuera de un' kepunu' gueku na "biba?"

Sin ayudu ginen hagu para i mas ke 13,000 ni gumagana sueddun popble kau magahet na un' miresi mabota ta'lu? I asuntu sustansiau! Kau un' letke pot ma'añau hau pot inipus komplikau? Malag manu ofresimientun ayudu gi halum tetmino-mu dos años?

Na ti magahet na in' subi sueddun miyu pot mas ke 50 pot sientu?

Pinadesin tufai: Todu u fan mattu gi idat tufai 'nai makat ta ayudan maisa hit piot desde ochenta años para mona. Siña gaige asaguamu para un' inayuda lau guiya lokue' mamadedesi taimanu pinadesisimu. Makat.

Ayudu para un' malañgu na amku' gai atburotu. Giya Japon bula manpara gi che'chu' niha pot para uma-attende mañainan niha. Dispues madispone i man-amkiu', i patgon dispues pumadesi malagnos ginen i gima' pot tai salape para atkilon. 'Nai tai che'chu' pues ni para u akuden maisague' sumen makat.

Maseha man-suette hit sa` kuttura-ta kumatsu ayudu para mañaina-ta lau hombre este makat gi maseha haye ni man-ayuyuda. Makat lau nafan su'anu hinassun miyu sa' tat mas mañge' yan satisfichosu na siñiente i un` kubre nesessidat mañaina-mu.

Mina` makat sa` `an kumama i prohimu siempre todu nesessidatña hagu ni mamumulan para un' chine'gue. Desde ma-assisti gi neñkanu', managasgas yan sensian konkariñu siempre ta usa giya siha. Siña nina` chatsaga ha`animu pot guaha lokue` familia-mu lau un' usune sin ditension sino finatane'.

Ayu mas mannamase` i mantai asagua sino famaguon. Manhalum i parentela yan ayudun niha pot mauleg na sensian kilisyanu.

Esta na'mase' lokue' i malañgu sa' ha komprende na makat na obligasion mañetbi inutet. Ayu solu nina` siñaña i para un` sinañgane "Si Yuus Maase". Puti na finapus gi todu atmos banda.

Daibites: Chenot daibites mafañagu 'nai sessu un' nasetbe asukat ya una' malañgu parahiya-mu (pancreas). Este na patte gi halum sistema-ta i lumalagnos naturat na asukat guatu gi tatautau-ta.

Yangin inipus kinano'mu asukat, pues unna' bulachu fuñgsion parahiya-mu. Guaha siempre 'nai manlagnos sino ha gu'ot tatte naturat na asukat. Estague` 'nai un' tutuhun matompu'

I asukat ti ayu ha` i mames ni ta fafahan gi tenda gi halum sinku libra na botsiyu. Gaige megai asukat gi hinegsa`, pan yan pastre siha, yan gimen soft drinks yan otru siha gimen ni man-

'An sessu un' gulusune, adumididi' una' tai bale fuñgsion parahiya-mu. Un' tutuhun pumadesi tinahung fuetsan tatautau-

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mu. Libianu nina' kama hau 'nai ni para un' kahulu' ti siña.

Otru pinadesi 'nai fuetsau reñihon-mu una' facho'chu' mas ke regulat. Mas un' sapet 'nai sessu un' poñga asukat, asiga yan mantika. Matai dispues reñihon-mu 'nai hinatme haga'mu manadan aplacha. Uniku remediu i makulan makina gi sentrun daialasis.

Mientras makukula haga`ña i malañgu guaha hanum yan amot siha mañaunau gi mana' gasgas haga'mu. Ti komprendiyun lau gi halum siñku años siempre u deskansa i prohimu. Estague` mamakatña mana' gasgas makina haga' matai reñihon.

Hinemlu: Tenga sige hit man-malomug para ta adahe hinelom`ta kosake siña manma`ug hit esta i sientu años na idat.

Mauleg yangin pot hinemlu'. Lau 'nai hu dibina hafa' balihu gi sientu años fuera de para malalade ni famaguon-hu, kase kontentoña-yu' madispone gi sitienta años. 'An para bai lalauya halum yan huyung, kase mas mauleg yangin mapega-yu' gi sagahu 'nai ti bai fan estotba.

Puru ha' siempre gastu. Debi u guaha pipulan, kusuneru yan labandera para u kabales i setbisiu. Piot ya guaha na biahe 'nai tihu hagu` i kemun. Kumuha` ti ha troñku-yu` i mamumulan. 'An taya ganas-hu siempre fuetsau hana' kalamut-yu' ni na'hu pot debi bai chochu diariu. Tatnai sisida!

Makat hinanau amku` 'nai todu hagas makalamya na modumu maliñgu kulan hinanau galaide para i puntan tasi gi lemlem tautau. Fanayuyot ya un' mana' deskansa ya u fan libianu lokue' i familia.

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to tune in to the frequency of creativity is at its height.

#### 4. Worry not about sequence

Some writers feel "blocked" because they believe that books must be written in the order they are read. In other words, they believe they should write chapter 1, then chapter 2, then chapter 3. Many times, a book's last sentence will be the first thing that comes to me. Other times, plot ideas, dialogue and other content will simply show up in the order they are inspired by the universe. Your mission, as writer, is to recognize that your book will often create itself in its own order. Don't worry about sequence when you write. Write down whatever comes to mind with the understanding that it may fit into the overall story or content in a completely different sequence when the book is finished. In fact, some of the ideas of any good brainstorm might not be related to the book you're working on. They could be a sequel, prequel or "next in a series" idea pushing through you, and the universe, in its infinite wisdom, requires that this new idea manifest before (or while) you develop the idea you were originally focused on. Trust that there is magic to the creative process that you will grow to appreciate.

#### 5. Find a focus

One way to turn block into bounty is to narrow your focus and gain clarity on why you're writing the book and what you wish to achieve. I always begin all my book projects by writing "Why am I writing this book?" Most times I even include that section in the book so the reader, too, is aware of the purpose of the book. Ask and answer, "What do I wish to achieve?" "Whom do I wish to reach?" You can also include these ideas in sections titled "Who is this book for?" "What will this book do for you?" or "What will this book not do for you?"

Gaining such clarity on the goal, purpose and target audience of your book helps you decide what to include and what to save for a different book. Find your book's true focus.

#### **6. Learn the language**

Science fiction writers who are creating new worlds and new realities might wish to spend a little time creating a glossary of words in their world's native language. Knowing your characters' language will help you understand them when they speak to you in the early morning hours of writing!

#### 7. Know Thyself

The more you learn about yourself, the better your writing be-

comes. What's your Myer's Brigg's type? What moves you to action? What's your life theme? Soul age? Communication style? Astrological sign? Whether or not you personally subscribe to the philosophies behind these labels, simply knowing a little about how people have organized aspects of identity, purpose, destiny and behavior for centuries can only help you write better. At the very least, it can help you create more interesting characters!

#### 8. Discover archetypes

Storytelling is an art as old as time. The best stories from biblical tales to Star Wars have used certain character templates that all great tales share. Search online for Joseph Campbell's The Hero with a Thousand Faces to learn about the hero, the mentor, the threshold guardian, the trickster, and other archetypes. The more you know about these, the more you participate in the rich bounty of the storytelling tradition.

#### 9. Check your diet (or lack thereof)

The pesticides, steroids, antibiotics, sugars, preservatives, flavorings, coloring, etc., in your food affect your physiology, your brain function, your energy level, your mood and thus your creativity. While some people claim enhanced creativity through the use of stimulants, mind-altering substances, alcohol, tobacco, etc., I suggest that clean living, clean food, and even no food (fasting) might enhance your creativity!

#### 10. Sublimate

Channel your sexual energy into the creative process. Decide not to indulge your carnal desires (no orgasm or ejaculation) and you might find your creativity is enhanced.

#### **Bonus: Take my best advice**

Finally, my best advice for stepping over writer's block and wading into writer's bounty is to think of writing as a process of allowing—not one of construction. Again, imagine that your book—whether fiction or non-fiction—as an entity having a will and wish of its own. Believe that your book already exists—fully formed—within the ether of the universe. Your book is an idea with a will to exist and a wish to manifest in a particular form, and it has chosen you to be its advocate, champion, and channel for that existence. There is a "best" or "optimal" way for your book to manifest. Your task is to get silent, get clean, get out of the way, and get better at listening to the still, small voice within—that voice is your book speaking to you. Listen intently, and it will teach you how to turn writer's block into writer's bounty!

Author's note: The passage above is taken from the author's Turn Your Passion Into Profit as a Writer.

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tion of "Julius Caesar," in which the assassinated title character looks a lot like President Trump.

But nobody had linked these particular examples to the killings. Griffin lost her CNN New Year's Eve co-hosting job and several other booked performances. The "Julius Caesar" production is a bit tougher to condemn, since the script has been a hit for about four centuries.

Yet some on the right condemn it anyway. Among other benefits, blaming the left gives GOP lawmakers something to say, however feebly, to those who call for more gun safety measures in the wake of mass shootings.

Well, speaking for myself, I cheerfully support their call for toned-down rhetoric on the left, if they agree to actively promote the same thing on the right.

That won't be easy. Politics has never been a game for the squeamish, and it's not unfair to say that political feelings haven't been this polarized since the 1960s. Once-routine debates about, say, infrastructure repair suddenly have become good-vs.-evil showdowns that grind governance to a halt.

In that battlefield, "tone down the rhetoric" means shift down from fevered emotional heights to argument based on facts and logic. Unfortunately, facts tend to take more work and deliver less of an emotional payback than chest-thumping, bloviating, name-calling, fear-mongering and good old-fashioned demagoguing.

President Trump knows about that. It is, in large part, how he became president. He exploited the phony, paranoid notion that President Barack Obama's birth certificate was a fake. He mocked his primary opponents like the class bully; he slandered Ted Cruz by linking his father to the Kennedy assassination. He urged his audiences to attack protesters and promised to put "crooked Hillary" Clinton "in jail."

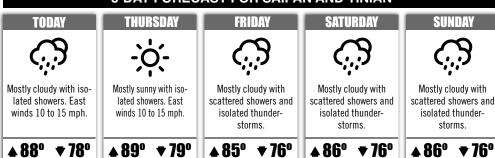
You get the idea. I don't have to relive the campaign. President Trump has been doing enough of that on his own.

Besides, why linger on the past in our efforts to tone down the rhetoric. We have plenty of fresh examples of turned-up rhetoric every day.

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# The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN



#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



#### PICTURE TIME: 7:08 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017 WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

Activity with the upper-level low is continuing to shift toward the west of the islands. It is already west of Tinian and Saipan so retained the isolated showers there. Bumped the showers up to scattered for Guam and Rota. So far the showers here have been underwhelming, there is plenty of capacity for them to pick up though. After tonight weather will settle back down for a couple of days. Then, around Friday, the weather associated with the next upper-level low could impact us. Went ahead and bumped this time period up to scattered based on what happened with this low. Little change in waves is expected this week, other than that we might start to get a little northwest swell in.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	89 I 80 °F
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	84 I 77 °F
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86 I 72 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87   81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 I 78 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84 I 78 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84 I 80 °F

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Auckland	Windy	60 I 57 °F
Beijing	Thunderstorms	83 I 76 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86 I 83 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85 I 74 °F
London	Partly Cloudy	83 I 63 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	84 I 64 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	86 I 78 °F
Melbourne	Showers	55   41 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	86 I 80 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	80 I 64 °F
Osaka	Rain	75 I 66 °F
Paris	Sunny	94   71 °F
Pusan	Sunny	94 I 67 °F
Rome	Sunny	91 I 67 °F
Salem	Mostly Sunny	77 I 50 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	71 l 55 °F
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	89 I 67 °F
Tokyo	Rain	84 I 69 °F
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	86 I 67 °F



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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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# **Business**

# Macron kicks off Paris Air Show with airborne entrance

PARIS (AP)—The French president descended from the skies in a European military plane and Airbus and Boeing raced to impress with big plane orders as the Paris Air Show got underway Monday.

French President Emmanuel Macron landed at the Bourget airfield in an Airbus A400-M military transport plane to launch the aviation showcase, where the latest passenger jets will vie for attention with an F-35 warplane, drones and other hightech hardware.

Macron, trying to raise his international profile, appears to have chosen the A400-M to give a boost of confidence to the long-troubled European military transporter project.

French fighter jets swooped overhead as the biennial aviation and defense industry kicked off.

The industry is eager to show off its wares at the Paris show after a string of public relations embarrassments recently, from the United Airlines' passenger getting dragged off a flight to British Airways' massive outage.



And so it begins: Brexit talks to focus 1st on orderly exit

BRUSSELS (AP)—Talks on Britain leaving the European Union began Monday with both sides saying they will focus first on an orderly withdrawal: a deal for citizens living in each other's territory, border arrangements between Ireland and the U.K. and the amount that Britain will pay to get out of previous EU commitments.

Both EU negotiator Michel Barnier and his British counterpart David Davis said after the first negotiating session they were confident of quick progress but said major challenges lay ahead to meet the deadline of March 2019 for Britain to officially leave the bloc.

"In the first step, we will deal with the most pressing issues. We must lift the uncertainty caused by Brexit," said Barnier. "In a second step, we will scope our future partnership."

From his comments, it appeared that the Brexit talks will largely follow the EU's conditions and will center on the two sides' new relationship only once sufficient progress has been made on the withdrawal issues.

Davis was heartened by the spirit of the talks, during which the negotiators, both interested in mountaineering, exchanged a walking stick and a hiking book.

Barnier said there will be one week of negotiations every month and the two sides will use the time in between to work out proposals. Both sides will put top advisers to work immediately on a border agreement between Ireland and the United Kingdom, aiming to make sure the Irish peace agreement and the common travel area should as unaffected by Britain's EU departure as possible.

While the EU negotiating team led by Barnier has been ready for months, British efforts on Brexit stalled even after it triggered the two-year process on March 29. An early election this month, in which British Prime Minister Theresa May lost her Conservative majority in parliament, only added to the problems.

Time is pressing. After Britain's June 23, 2016 referendum to leave the bloc, the other 27 nations wanted to start the exit talks as soon as possible so they could work on their own futures, but Britain long seemed dazed by its own momentous move.

Airbus announced the first big deal of the week: a firm order for 100 single-aisle A320neo planes by General Electric's aircraft leasing arm, GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS).

The A320neo range of jets,

designed to use less fuel than the original and widely-used A320s, have proven popular and are competing with Boeing's 737 Max series in the short to mid-range market.

Boeing announced plans Monday for a new, longer version of its 737 Max, the Max-10, with more flexibility and seating space.

Meanwhile the world's two leading aircraft makers are facing growing competition from China. Its first large passenger jet, the C919, took its French President Emmanuel Macron is seated in the cockpit of an Airbus A400M turboprop transport plane before taking off from Villacoublay military airbase near Paris, Monday, June 19, 2017.

maiden flight last month, and is competing for market share with the A320 and 737 ranges.

Airbus also announced that it's studying a more fuel-efficient version of the superjumbo A380, which has struggled to win a big customer base. The A380plus could carry 80 more passengers and fly slightly farther.

Airbus and Boeing are expected to bring in about 200 new orders each at this week's show at Le Bourget, down from past years when Asian and Mideast carriers were growing fast.

Macron, who wants France to become more tech-savvy and comes off a big electoral win, tried on a virtual reality headset, and checked out Airbus satellites, a drone designed to inspect planes and a turbo-generator for hybridenergy jets.

French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, who recently returned from six months on the International Space Station, gave Macron a photo of earth he took from space and chatted about going to Mars as they looked at a model of Europe's Mars Rover 2020.

## Google promises YouTube crackdown on online extremism

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is promising to be more vigilant about preventing terrorist propaganda and other extremist videos from appearing on its YouTube site amid intensifying criticism about the internet's role in mass violence.

Its crackdown will involve both computer programs and an expanded group of people dedicated to identifying videos promoting terrorism so they can be blocked from appearing on YouTube or quickly removed.

Google is making the commitment in the wake of violent attacks in the U.S. and elsewhere. A van struck a crowd of people outside a London mosque Sunday, the second time an automobile was used as a weapon in that city this month, and less than a week after a gunman attacked GOP lawmakers on a baseball field.

And earlier this month, British Prime Minister Theresa May called on governments to form international agreements to prevent the spread of extremism online. Some proposed measures would hold companies legally accountable for the material posted on their sites, a liability that Google and other internet companies are trying to avert.

Toward that end, Face-book last week pledged to use more advanced technology and more than 150 human reviewers to find and remove terrorist content before people see it on its social networking site.

Although Google said in a blog post that it is been trying to block extremist content for years, its general counsel Kent Walker wrote that "the uncomfortable truth is that we, as an industry, must acknowledge that more needs to be done. Now."

Anti-hate groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center have skewered Google and Facebook for doing too little to muzzle hate groups online. Google, along with other companies such as Facebook, Microsoft and Twitter, recently agreed to create an international forum to share and develop technology, support smaller businesses and speed up their joint efforts against online terrorism.

To step up its policing efforts, Google will nearly double the number of independent experts it uses to flag problematic content and expand its work with counter-extremist groups to help identify content that may be used to radicalize and recruit terrorists.

The Mountain View, California, company will also train more people to identify and remove extremist and terrorism-related content faster.

Google also is taking a tougher stance on videos that don't clearly violate its policies but still offend broad swaths of society, like those that contain inflammatory religious or supremacist content. YouTube won't remove those videos, but viewers will first have to click through an "interstitial" warning in order to see them.

Google also won't sell ads alongside this category of objectionable video to reduce the moneymaking opportunities for their creators. These initiatives could help Google woo back major advertisers who began pulling back from YouTube earlier this year after learning that their brands sometimes appeared next to unsavory videos.

YouTube also won't recommend these videos to its users, and it won't allow YouTube users to endorse them or leave comments—all efforts aimed at limiting their popularity.

Google is also teaming up with Jigsaw, a company also owned by its corporate parent Alphabet Inc., to target online ads at potential Isis recruits in hopes of diverting them to anti-terrorist videos.

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# Nation

# Family: Freed student who died has 'completed his journey'

CINCINNATI (AP)—The family of an American college student who died days after being released from North Korea in a coma says the 22-year-old "has completed his journey home."

Otto Warmbier died Monday, relatives said in a statement. They did not cite a specific cause of death.

"Unfortunately, the awful, torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans ensured that no other outcome was possible beyond the sad one we experienced today," his parents said.

Doctors had described Warmbier's condition as a state of "unresponsive wakefulness" and said he suffered a "severe neurological injury" of unknown cause. He arrived in Ohio on June 13 after being held for more than 17 months.

The University of Virginia student was accused of trying to steal a propaganda banner while visiting with a tour group and was convicted of subversion. He was put before North Korean officials and journalists for a televised "confession."

"I have made the worst mistake of my life!" he exclaimed, choking up as he begged to be allowed to reunite with his parents and two younger siblings.

He was sentenced in March 2016 to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His family said it was told he had been in a coma since soon after his sentencing.

Doctors said he suffered



In this Feb. 29, 2016, photo, American student Otto Warmbier cries while speaking to reporters in Pyongyang, North Korea.

extensive loss of brain tissue and "profound weakness and contraction" of his muscles, arms and legs. His eyes opened and blinked but without any sign that he understood verbal commands

or his surroundings.

Unresponsive wakefulness is a new medical term for persistent vegetative state. Patients in this condition who have survived a coma can open their eyes, but they do

not respond to commands. People can live in a state of unresponsive wakefulness for many years with the chances of recovery depending on the extent of the brain injury.

North Korea said Warm-

## Poll: Courts are right in blocking Trump's travel ban

WASHINGTON (AP)— Most Americans say federal courts are acting properly in blocking President Donald Trump's travel ban, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Two versions of the travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries have been put on hold by federal courts. Trump says the ban is necessary to keep would-be terrorists from traveling to the United States. Opponents, including some state officials, argue that it is intended to keep Muslims out.

Fifty-seven percent of Americans say the courts have acted correctly by blocking the travel ban from taking effect, while 39 percent say the judges are wrongly interfering. The poll shows a sharp partisan divide: 82 percent of Democrats say the courts

acted rightly, while 73 percent of Republicans say they're wrongly interfering. Among independents, 56 percent agree with the courts.

"From the beginning President Trump said, even before the election, that he intended to ban Muslims, not that he intended to ban terrorists but Muslims," said Nick Hardy, 54, an independent voter who said he leans Democratic. "That's just not right."

Trump initially signed an executive order in late January that banned people from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya from traveling to the United States. That included legal permanent residents. The order also blocked all refugees from being resettled in the United States. The order caused chaos and confusion at airports around the world. Some travelers arriving in the United States were de-

tained before being sent home, and people overseas were blocked from boarding U.S.-bound flights.

The original order was blocked in federal court, and an appeals court later upheld that ruling. A second order that dropped Iraq from the list of affected countries also has been blocked. It also exempted legal U.S. residents from the ban.

The Trump administration has asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate the updated ban, saying the U.S. will be safer if it is in place.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this month refused to reinstate the executive order, and a three-judge panel said the administration failed to show that blocking citizens from the six nations was needed to protect the U.S. The court also found that the president's

order violated an immigration law prohibiting discrimination based on nationality.

As a candidate, Trump pledged to block Muslims from traveling to the United States until American authorities could get a better handle on vetting visitors and immigrants. Those campaign remarks have been used as evidence of his intention by opponents of the order.

The 4th U.S. Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, also has called Trump's national security concerns an after-the-fact justification for an order "steeped in animus and directed at a single religious group."

Sixty-two percent of responders did think trying to protect the United States from security threats was a major reason, while 26 percent thought it was a minor reason and 11 percent thought it was not a reason at all.

bier went into a coma after contracting botulism and taking a sleeping pill. Doctors in Cincinnati said they found no active sign of botulism or evidence of beatings.

In a White House statement, President Donald Trump said, "A lot of bad things happened, but at least we got him home to be with his parents." He called North Korea a "brutal regime."

Warmbier grew up in the Cincinnati suburb of Wyo-

ming. He was salutatorian of his 2013 class at a highly rated high school and was on the soccer team.

Wyoming City Schools released a statement saying it was "deeply saddened" by his death.

"The countless contributions he made to his school and community through his leadership, actions, and limitless enthusiasm will be felt far into the future," the school district said.

# Canceled flights, burning door handles: Heat hits Southwest

PHOENIX (AP)—Airlines canceled flights in Phoenix and doctors urged people to be careful around concrete, playground equipment and vehicle interiors Monday as a punishing heat wave threatens to bring temperatures approaching 120 degrees to parts of the Southwestern U.S.

Arizona is seeing the most stifling temperatures, but the wrath of the heat wave is being felt across Nevada and California as well. Las Vegas was forecast to hit 117 (47 Celsius) on Tuesday on the first day of summer, and excessive heat warnings cover almost all of California.

Despite the dangers, the weather may not be as bad as originally expected. The National Weather Service had been forecasting Tuesday highs at 120 or higher in Phoenix for the past several days, a number not seen in the desert city in more than 20 years, but it now predicts 119.

"That's deadly heat no matter how you slice it," weather service meteorologist Chris Breckenridge said.

Here are a few things to know about the heat wave:

## AIRLINES WATCHING THE HEAT

When the temperature soars, it's harder for airplanes to take off.

American Airlines canceled nearly 40 flights on Tuesday in Phoenix operated by regional jets because of the heat. The airline also said it will allow Phoenix passengers flying during the peak heat Monday through Wednesday to change flights without a fee.

American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein said the smaller regional jets flown by its partners can't operate once the temperature hits 118. That maximum is set by Bombardier, the manufacturer.

Larger airliners made by Boeing and Airbus have high-

er maximum operating temperatures, but airlines still need to closely monitor the weight of the jets during the heat.

Feinstein said the carrier began limiting sales on some flights to prevent the planes from exceeding maximum weight for safe takeoff in the hot conditions. Airlines can use other strategies for limiting weight during hot weather, such as not fueling completely, then making a refueling stop.

#### **HITTING 120 IS RARE**

Phoenix and Las Vegas are used to 110-degree heat, but temperatures above 115 are rare.

Phoenix hit 118 degrees Monday, tying the record for the date set last year.

The last time the city reached 120 was in 1995. A notorious heat wave in 1990 brought consecutive days at 120 degrees, including the record of 122.

The heat is spread across California. The Central Valley has been baking in unusually bad heat, and the Northern California city of Redding hit a June 18 record of 110 degrees on Sunday—19 degrees above normal.

It could be worse: Death Valley could see 124 degrees Tuesday.

#### **SWELTERING LAS VEGAS**

Visitors should be aware of a little-known fact about the temperatures in the gambling mecca: The Strip is often hotter than the rest of the city.

Weather service meteorologist Ashley Allen says the Strip's tall, close buildings and long stretches of concrete cause the area to heat quickly and cool slowly.

She says it's hard to predict exactly how hot the Strip will get because the weather service does not get official readings there, but temperatures could reach somewhere between 115 and 120 degrees despite the city's airport forecast to hit 114 Monday.

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# World

# Islamic State poses a growing threat to Southeast Asia

WASHINGTON Southeast Asia's jihadis who fought by the hundreds for the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria now have a different battle closer to home in the southern Philippines. It's a scenario raising significant alarm in Washington.

The recent assault by ISaligned fighters on the Philippine city of Marawi has left more than 300 people dead, exposing the shortcomings of local security forces and the extremist group's spreading reach in a region where counterterrorism gains are coming undone.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told Congress last week that a long-running U.S. military operation to help Philippine forces contain extremist fighters was canceled prematurely three years ago. Small numbers of U.S. special forces remain in an "advise and assist" role, and the U.S. is providing aerial surveillance to help the Philippines retake Marawi, an inland city of more than 200,000 people.

But lawmakers, including from President Donald Trump's Republican Party, want a bigger U.S. role, short of boots on the ground. They



fear the area is becoming a new hub for Islamist fighters from Southeast Asia and beyond.

"I don't know that ISIS are directing operations there but they are certainly trying to get fighters into that region," said Republican Sen. Joni Ernst of

## Bomb planted in road kills 6 soldiers in southern Thailand

HAT YAI, Thailand (AP)— A bomb planted in a dirt road killed six soldiers in southern Thailand on Monday, police said, in what apparently was an attack by Muslim separatists in an insurgency that has cost more than 6,500 lives since 2004.

Police Maj. Pompetch Chotiklang said the explosion in Pattani province also wounded four other soldiers and blew the truck they were traveling in into pieces, with parts of it landing 100 meters (yards) away.

The deaths were among the worst in a single incident suffered in recent years by the military in the south, said Srisompob Jitipiromsri, director of the independent research group Deep South Watch.

Four years ago, eight soldiers died when their truck was blown up by a bomb in Yala province. In April this year, six paramilitary rangers were shot and killed when their vehicle was blown off the road by a bomb in Narathiwat province.

Soldiers, police, civil servants and even civilians—including children and Muslims—have been the targets of the insurgents, a disparate group with nebulous leadership. Roadside bombs and

drive-by shootings are their most common methods of attack. Recent talks between the government and the insurgents' representatives have made little progress, in part because of disagreement over who actually speaks for the separatist forces.

The insurgents are mostly active in Thailand's three southernmost provinces of Pattani, Narathiwat and Yala, the only ones with Muslim majorities in the Buddhistdominated country. They are able to draw on the resentment of Muslims who feel they are treated as second-class citizens, as well as anger over the heavy-handed repression of the Muslim community by security forces seeking to clamp down on the insurgency.

Police say there is usually an upsurge in attacks during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which this year began on May 26 and ends on June 24.

On Saturday in Pattani, two attackers fatally shot two teenagers before making a getaway on motorbikes.

In another attack last Friday, four attackers on motorbikes fatally shot a policeman outside a police station in Narathiwat.

Iowa, using another acronym for the group. "We need to address the situation. It should not get out of control."

U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism officials note that IS has publicly accepted pledges from various groups in the Philippines. In a June 2016 video, it called on followers in Southeast Asia to go to the Philippines if they cannot reach Syria.

About 40 foreigners, mostly from neighboring Indonesia and Malaysia, have been among 500 involved in fighting in Marawi, the Philippine military says. Reports indicate at least one Saudi, a Chechen and a Yemeni were killed. In all, more than 200 militants have died in the standoff, now in its fourth week.

Video obtained by The As-

sociated Press from the Philippine military indicates an alliance of local Muslim fighters, aligned with IS, is coordinating complex attacks. They include the Islamic State's purported leader in Southeast Asia: Isnilon Hapilon, a Filipino on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists, with a \$5 million bounty on his head.

U.S. officials are assessing whether any of the estimated 1,000 Southeast Asians who traveled to Iraq and Syria in recent years are fighting in Catholic-majority Philippines. They fear ungoverned areas in the mostly Muslim region around Marawi could make the area a terror hub, as in the 1990s.

Then, the Philippines was a base of operations for al-Qaida leaders like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Ramzi Yousef, who plotted in 1994-95 to blow up airliners over the Pacific. The plot was foiled. But the same men were instrumental in the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

Other nations share the fear. Singapore recently warned of IS exerting a radicalizing influence "well beyond" what al-Qaida and Jemaah Islamiyah ever mustered. Jemaah Islamiyah carried out major terror attacks around the region in the 2000s. IS already has been linked to attacks in Indonesia and Malaysia, and foiled plots in Singapore, this past year.

This month, Mattis told the region's defense chiefs that "together we must act now to prevent this threat from growing." In Congress this past In this Friday, June 9, 2017 file photo, debris and smoke rises after a Philippine Air Force fighter jets bombed suspected locations of Muslim militants, in Marawi city, southern Philippines.

week, he stressed intelligence sharing and nations like Singapore sharing the burden, rather than deploying U.S. troops.

More than 500 U.S. special forces were based in the Mindanao region from 2002 to 2014, advising and training Filipino forces against the Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for bombings and kidnappings. When it ended, Philippine and U.S. officials voiced concern the U.S. withdrawal "could lead to a resurgence of a renewed terrorist threat," the RAND Corp. later reported. Months before the withdrawal, Abu Sayyaf pledged support to IS.

Supporting the Philippines isn't straightforward in Washington. President Rodrigo Duterte is accused of overlooking and even condoning indiscriminate killings by his forces in a war on drugs. Thousands have died. But that campaign has involved mainly police and anti-narcotic forces, not the military leading the anti-IS fight.

Still, the Philippine government is partly to blame for Marawi's violence, said Zachary Abuza, a Southeast Asia expert at the National War College. He said the root cause was the government's failure to fulfill a 2014 peace agreement with the nation's largest Muslim insurgency, which fueled recruitment for IS-inspired groups.

#### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **Afghan president** inaugurates first air corridor with India

KABUL, Afghanistan

(AP)—Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has inaugurated the first Afghanistan-India air corridor during a ceremony at the Kabul International Airport—a direct route that bypasses Pakistan and is meant to improve commerce. Ghani says the aim of the route is to create more opportunities and make Afghanistan an exporter country. His adviser Sediqullah Mujadedi says Afghan agricultural products will for the first time head to India on cargo planes. Mujadedi savs the first India-bound flight on Monday included 60 tons of natural plants; a second flight

will follow, with 40 tons of dry fruits to be sent form Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province. Afghanistan is a mountainous landlocked country and all imports and exports depend on neighbortween Kabul and Islamabad have become strained over accusations of harboring mili-

#### **Gunmen kill 2 navy** men, wound 3 in **Pakistan**

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)— Pakistani police say gunmen have ambushed a navy vehicle, killing two navy men and wounding three others in the southwestern coastal town of Jiwani. Police official Ab-

dul Hakim says the attackers opened fire on the vehicle late Monday before fleeing the scene. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the attack in Baluchistan province. The province, which borders Iran ing countries. Relations be- and Afghanistan, is home to a low-level separatist insurgency and has also seen attacks by Islamic extremists. No one immediately claimed Monday's attack.

#### Maldives to file charges against 7 people in blogger's death

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Maldives police said on Monday they have substantial evidence against seven people in connection with

the killing of a blogger in April and will soon file charges against them in court. All seven are currently in detention. In a statement, the police named three people who they said actually carried out the killing. The blogger, Yameen Rasheed, was found stabbed near his apartment on April 23. He died later in a hospital. He was a critic of politicians and of rising radical Islamic views in the Indian Ocean archipelago. He also spoke out on issues such as health, migrant workers' rights and policing, and was seeking justice for his friend, journalist Ahmed Rilwan, who has been missing for nearly three years after being reportedly abducted.

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# Asia

# Tensions rise in Syria as Russia, Iran send US warnings

BEIRUT (AP)—Russia on Monday threatened aircraft from the U.S.-led coalition in Syrian-controlled airspace and suspended a hotline intended to avoid collisions in retaliation for the U.S. military shooting down a Syrian warplane.

The U.S. said it had downed the Syrian jet a day earlier after it dropped bombs near the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces conducting operations against the Islamic State group, adding that was something it would not tolerate.

The downing of the warplane—the first time in the six-year conflict that the U.S. has shot down a Syrian jet—came amid another first: Iran fired several ballistic missiles Sunday night at IS positions in eastern Syria in what it said was a message to archrival Saudi Arabia and the United States.

The developments added to already-soaring regional tensions and reflect the intensifying rivalry among the major players in Syria's civil war that could spiral out of control just as the fight against the Islamic State group in its stronghold of Raqqa is gaining ground.

Russia, a key ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, called on the U.S. military to provide a full accounting as to why it decided to shoot down the Syrian Su-22 bomber.

The U.S. military con-

firmed that one of its F-18 Super Hornets shot down a Syrian jet that had dropped bombs near the U.S. partner forces SDF. Those forces, which are aligned with the U.S. in the campaign against the Islamic State group, warned Syrian government troops to stop their attacks or face retaliation.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that as of Monday, all coalition jets and drones flying west of the Euphrates River will be tracked as potential targets.

Areas of northern Syria west of the Euphrates were controlled by IS before Syrian government forces captured most of them in recent months. The Russians, who

have been providing air cover for Assad's forces since 2015, appear to want to avoid further U.S. targeting of Syrian warplanes or ground troops that have come under U.S. attack in eastern Syria recently.

It was the second time Russia suspended a hotline intended to minimize incidents with the U.S. in Syrian airspace. In April, Russia briefly suspended cooperation after the U.S. military fired 59 missiles at a Syrian air base following a chemical weapons attack that Washington blamed on the Assad government.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Washington is working to re-establish communications aimed at avoiding mishaps involving U.S. and Russian air operations in Syria.

Speaking in Washington, the top U.S. military officer said the two sides were in delicate discussions to lower tensions.

"The worst thing any of us could do right now is address this with hyperbole," Dunford said.

Viktor Ozerov, chairman of

the defense and security committee at the upper chamber of Russian parliament, described his Defense Ministry's statement as a warning.

"I'm sure that because of this, neither the U.S. nor anyone else will take any actions to threaten our aircraft," he told the state-owned RIA Novosti news agency. "That's why there's no threat of direct confrontation between Russia and American aircraft."

# Muslims targeted by violence in wake of IS-claimed attacks

LONDON (AP)—The attack on Muslim worshippers outside a London mosque on Monday follows a rising wave of violence and harassment directed against Muslims across Britain and around the world.

This month alone, a Muslim woman wearing a head scarftold police in Lancashire her car was struck by a bag of vomit. Worshippers at the Omar Faruque mosque in Cambridge found strips of ham attached to their vehicles. Several Muslim families have reported receiving letters warning, "You are no longer welcome in this country." Scores say they have been spat on.

Across Britain, Muslims say they are being targeted by a wave of animosity and violence simply because of the way they dress and worship, and because they share a religion hijacked by bloodthirsty extremists like the Islamic State group, which was quick to claim responsibility for recent attacks in Britain and elsewhere. In Monday's attack, a man plowed a van into a crowd of worshippers, injuring at least nine people a tactic used in the recent attacks on Westminster and London bridges.

London's Police Commissioner, Cressida Dick, said Monday's assault outside two mosques during the holy month of Ramadan was clearly "an attack on Muslims."

"We are easy targets because of the way we dress and when we pray," said Hassan Ali, a 34-year-old resident of Finsbury Park, a north London neighborhood that is home to a large Muslim population and where the attack occurred. "But every time there is an attack here or elsewhere, we are blamed. When we are attacked, people look away."

Since the wave of IS-inspired terror attacks in Britain, there has been a five-fold increase of hate crimes against Muslims. Tensions have also been running high since Britain's decision to leave the European Union, a vote that was largely driven by anti-immigrant rhetoric—a message that was further reinforced by some of Britain's right-leaning tabloids and spread by populist European politicians promising to stem immigration and tackle terrorism associated with IS.



In this Sept. 18, 2016 file photo released by an official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, center, attends a meeting with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Revolutionary Guard commanders in Tehran, Iran.

## Car rams police vehicle on famed Paris avenue; attacker dies

PARIS (AP)—A man on the radar of French authorities for extremism was killed Monday after ramming a car carrying arms and explosives into a police convoy on Paris' famed Champs-Elysees Avenue, setting off a fiery blast and a cloud of orange smoke, officials said. France's antiterrorism prosecutor opened an investigation.

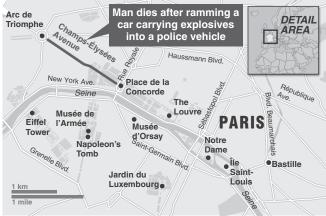
Gendarmes jumped out of the vehicle, ran to the car, smashed its windows and pulled out the driver in an apparent attempt to save him, according to witness accounts. The interior minister confirmed that he died.

No one else was injured despite the crowds of tourists and

others walking down the avenue on a hot, sunny day, the Paris police department said.

Interior Minister Gerard Collomb called it an "attempted attack" and said it "shows once again that the threat level in France is extremely high." The minister used the occasion to explain the continued need for a state of emergency, in place since 2015, and plans to extend it until Nov. 1, to be presented at a Cabinet meeting Wednesday.

A man could be seen lying on his stomach on the ground immediately after the incident, wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. The body was kept out of view under a tent, and later police were seen removing it, in a body bag on a stretcher.



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

If confirmed as a deliberate attack, this would be the fifth time this year that police forces have been targeted around the French capital.

Noemie Pfister, walking

with her infant child and a friend, said she saw a car fly past a column of police vans, then fishtail. She wasn't sure if she saw it ram into one of the vehicles because it happened so quickly, but she can't forget the smoke and flames.

"I saw gendarmes get out of a van, run, break the window" of the car, she said in an interview. "They took the man out and put him a bit further away (from the car) on the other side of the road," she recalled.

"I couldn't understand, but I find it really strange that a car would pass (police) vans and all of a sudden spit fire," said Pfister. "I thought in my mind of an attack."

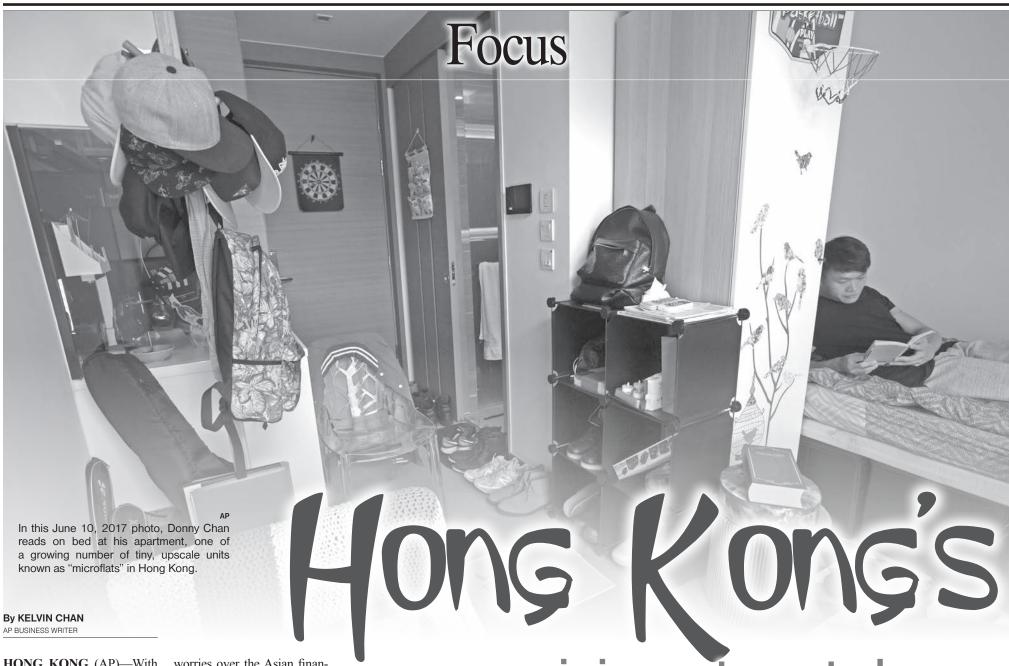
Leonard Odihe said he saw officers break into the car, pull the man out and throw two weapons on the ground, "a big pistol and another big arm like the weapons police carry."

Odihe said he also saw bottles of gas, one of which apparently exploded inside the car.

Two police officials told The Associated Press that a handgun was found on the driver, who they said was badly burned after the vehicle exploded. They identified him as a 31-year-old man from the Paris suburb of Argenteuil who had an "S" file, meaning he was flagged for links to extremism.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to reveal details of the incident, the second this year on the city's most famous avenue, which is popular with tourists from around the world.

The interior minister said the current situation in France shows a new security law he is to present is needed to eventually "maintain a high security level" without the state of emergency. SAIPAN TRIBUNE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017



HONG KONG (AP)—With its marble-clad lobby, sweeping balcony views and sleek, modern decor, Donny Chan's apartment building would seem the kind of upscale tower most young Hong Kong professionals aspire to live in.

But not for Chan, 39, who avoids spending time in his 19th-floor apartment because it measures just 193 square feet (about 14 feet by 14 feet or 18 square meters). His parking space-sized studio in the grandly named High One building is part of a growing trend for so-called micro apartments that are diminutive even by the standards of space-starved and densely built Hong Kong.

"Every time that I step back into this (apartment) I kind of feel like a cat squeezed into a box," said Chan, an art director at a medical equipment maker. To avoid returning to his cramped and claustrophobic apartment before bedtime he plays basketball or badminton, goes to the movies or karaoke bars, and gets together with friends and family.

"I go walking in shopping malls until the last minute when they close," he said.

Hong Kong's property developers are scaling down, way down, for younger, middle-class buyers, offering micro-sized upscale apartments with eye-popping price tags. The apartments, dubbed "mosquito-size units" or "gnat flats" in Chinese, are drawing online ridicule and underscore

worries over the Asian financial hub's overheated real estate market and widening inequality.

Hong Kong is often ranked the world's costliest housing market.

Its micro-flat boom parallels tiny house and minimalist living trends seen in the U.S. and other developed countries. The difference is that in Hong Kong, few make the choice willingly. Chan moved in last year after splitting up with his wife. He viewed 20 other apartments over three weeks but they were all more expensive, in worse condition or farther from his job.

When they first appeared, micro-flats were mostly snapped up by investors renting them for above-average returns. The government has moved to cool such speculation, and most demand now comes from people needing a place to live, said Ingred Cheh, research manager at Jones Lang Lasalle.

Even so, their extravagant prices mean the young buyers who can afford the prison cell or parking lot sized units already are privileged by Hong Kong standards, said Edward Yiu, a lawmaker representing architects and surveyors.

Transaction records show Chan's landlord bought the unit from developer Henderson Land for about \$500,000 in 2015. Chan's rent is \$1,300 a month, or a third of his monthly salary. He said he'd never consider buying such a

small place to live. The down payment on a bigger apartment, if he were to buy, would mean "I'll be saving until the day I die."

Last year, developer MT Sisters' AVA 55 project sold units as small as 166 square feet (15.4 square meters) for as much as \$500,000. Blueprints showed the builder was eliminating separate shower stalls, including them in the toilets, to save space, an arrangement usually only found in older buildings.

It took decades for the government to provide housing for the city's hundreds of thousands of refugees from mainland China, and personal living space has always been at a premium. But apartments are indeed shrinking.

Last year, developers built 206 apartments smaller than 20 square meters (215 square feet), up from 79 in 2015 and none in 2012. This year, 30 percent of the 17,122 apartments set to be completed will be smaller than 40 square meters (430 square feet). That ratio will rise to 43 percent in 2018.

Most Hong Kongers have a fraction of the space seen in other advanced economies, where average living space ranges from 40 to 50 square meters per person, or in mainland Chinese cities, where it measures 30 square meters. Residents of Hong Kong's numerous public housing estates, meanwhile, get less than 13 square meters.

# mini apartments boom as property prices soar



In this June 10, 2017 photo, Donny Chan throws darts at his apartment, one of a growing number of tiny upscale units known as "microflats" in Hong Kong.

Life in a micro apartment has forced Chan to downsize across the board.

When he moved in, he estimates he sold off or threw out 40 percent of his possessions - suits, basketball shoes, comic books, model cars and planes - because they wouldn't fit. He stores the rest of his stuff at his parents' place or in boxes supporting his single mattress. There's a narrow wardrobe, a pint-sized loveseat and an un-

dersized coffee table, but no space for a TV.

Parties are out of the question: there's only enough space for one or two visitors.

The apartment's minuscule open kitchen includes a space-saving sink that converts to countertop. There are six cans of soda in his half-size fridge: Chan says he never cooks.

"Once you cook, the smell will last for days," he complained.

Chan plans to move to Hong Kong's semi-rural suburbs when his lease is up, where he might get twice as much space but face a lengthy commute. Even after his ex-wife bought out his share of their home, he has little hope of buying property again.

"I can't even find the door to enter the market," he said. ""I can't imagine how young people can afford their own houses in such circumstances." **18** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

# Good Housekeeping

# Growing roses from seed, caring for African violets

By JESSICA DAMIANO

Dear Jessica: I have a packet of rose seeds I would like to plant indoors and possibly have a rose bush in the house. I know they need a lot of light and water, and I have both of those. I wondered if an attempt of this sort would be successful. When the bush got large enough, I could put it in a huge clay pot and set it near a window that gets about eight

think this might work? - Frances Cammisa

hours of light a day. Do you

Dear Frances: Roses can, indeed, be grown from seed, although it isn't a practice I hear about often from home gardeners. As with many plants, pollinated flowers give way to fruit after blooming, and with rose plants, the fruits are called hips. Hips can be brewed into tea, made into jam or split open when ripe (vellow, red or orange) to reveal seeds.

Rinse pulp off seeds and soak them in 8 ounces of water, to which you've added two teaspoons of chlorine bleach. Rinse them well and then soak overnight in a 50-50 waterhydrogen peroxide solution. Remove any seeds that float; they are likely duds.

Seeds require a moist cooling period in order to germinate, so they should be stored in the refrigerator, away from fruit, for four to eight weeks. Wrap them in a paper towel, dampen with the 50-50 waterperoxide mixture and place into a zippered plastic storage bag. The peroxide will discourage mold.

Check seeds periodically and remoisten the towel as needed. After four weeks, it's possible some seeds will have sprouted. If so, plant those in a container under a 1/4 inch of sterile potting mix and keep watered and at room temperature indoors. Take care not to break the delicate sprouts (use tweezers, if necessary) and don't overwater, as young seedlings are highly susceptible to mildew and "damping off," a fungal disease.

Leave the remaining seeds in the refrigerator for another four weeks (for a total of eight weeks), continuing to check every few days and immediately planting any that germinate. After eight weeks have passed, you can also pot up any remaining unsprouted seeds.

For outdoor plants, when growth pokes up through the soil, you can set the pots outdoors for one hour the first



Discolored leaves on an African violet could mean the plant has outgrown its pot.

day, two hours the second day and three hours the third day, as long as temperatures are above 70 degrees, then leave them outside until the first true leaves form. You can then plant them in the ground.

Jessica Damiano

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This process is best started in early spring, of course, which would place planting time in May, and give plants the entire summer to settle in before frost hits. And you should know that hip-harvested seeds will not typically produce plants that are true to their parent. Colors — even varieties — will likely differ

To answer your question can roses be grown indoors successfully? To be honest, I've never heard of growing full-size rose bushes as houseplants, but under the right conditions, it can be done. Miniature roses, which grow to a height of 6 to 36 inches, are usually chosen for indoor growing. Either will thrive, as long as they receive a minimum of six hours of sunlight daily, which yours would, and are kept no warmer than 75 degrees during the day and no cooler than 40 degrees overnight. Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) every two weeks during spring and summer and monthly during fall and winter. And water thoroughly when the soil is dry 1 inch below the surface.

Dear Jessica: We have been growing African violets for the past 35 years, under lights, on a north- and also southfacing windowsill and have had much success. But now we have a problem in that the lower leaves are turning sort of brown. It happened to all of our plants, about 30 in all. We are stumped and have no idea why this is happening. There do not seem to be any insects or fungus on any of the plants. — Gisela Hunermund

Dear Gisela: The leaf discoloration you see could be due to your plants outgrowing their pots. But this would be an odd coincidence since you report all 30 of your plants are showing symptoms. (If you see roots growing out of drainage holes, that's your cue to replant into a larger container.)

It's also possible the plants are suffering from a nutritional deficiency. Have you changed fertilizer or altered your fertilization schedule? You should be applying a fertilizer specifically formulated for African violets, following the regimen and directions on the package carefully. In addition, I recommend you check the soil's pH because plants cannot absorb sufficient nutrients if the soil's pH is outside their optimum range. African violets thrive best when the pH is on the acidic side, ideally between 6.0 and 6.8 — and absolutely no higher than 7.0. Test kits are available at many area nurseries, online and even at pool supply stores. If the pH tests above 7.0, you can lower it by adding 1 to 2 teaspoons of white vinegar to a gallon of water, and using it to water your plant. This is a slow process and can take weeks, so test the pH every week or two and switch back to fresh water when levels fall below 7.0.

Root rot, caused by overwatering, is another possibility. Have you altered your watering schedule or had a plant sitter who might have overwatered in your absence? You can check for rot by gently slipping plants out of their pots and examining their roots. If they are brown, slimy or mushy, they are rotting. Your best course of action would be to clip away unhealthy roots and, as long as sufficient healthy roots remain, repot the plant in a sterilized container with fresh potting mix.

African violets, be careful not to allow water to touch leaves. And whenever you water They do not take kindly to it.

## New Four-Bean Salad

We've put a new spin on threebean salad. Fresh green beans are tossed with green and black soybeans—delicious, and good for you too.

1 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2inch lengths

1/2 (16-ounce) bag (1 1/2 cups) frozen shelled green soybeans (edamame)\*

3 tablespoons extra-virgin

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 1/4 cup red wine vinegar 1 tablespoon sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black

1 can (15 ounces) black soybeans, rinsed and drained

1 can (15 ounces) pink beans, rinsed and drained

1 small red onion, finely chopped (1/2 cup)

1. In a 12-inch skillet, heat

1/2-inch water to boiling over high heat. Add green beans and cook 5 minutes or until tender-crisp. Place frozen soybeans in colander; drain green beans over soybeans. Rinse with cold water until cool; drain well.

2. In a large bowl, with wire whisk, mix oil, vinegars, sugar, salt and pepper until blended. Add green-bean mixture, black soybeans, pink beans and onion; toss to combine. Let stand 1 hour to allow flavors to blend, or refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 8 cups, or 16 accompaniment servings.

\*Note: One package (10 ounces) frozen baby lima beans may be substituted for edamame if desired.

\* Each serving: About 100 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 4g fiber, 6g protein, 11g carb., 0mg cholesterol, 295 mg sodium.

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# Life & Style

# Oprah Winfrey—mogul, celebrity, philanthropist—has insecurities of her own

**By GLENN WHIPP** LOS ANGELES TIMES

ANGELES—Oprah Winfrey guides you into her office and, after a welcoming hug (Winfrey's a hugger, but you probably already knew that), she immediately anticipates where your eye is going to land first. Over in the corner, overlooking her Oprah Winfrey Network studio lot, there's artist Whitfield Lovell's "Having," a charcoal on wood panel image of two African American women that has three wood boxes of pen-

nies placed in front of it. "These women were early entrepreneurs," Winfrey says. "I looked at this every day from my desk in Chicago to remind me and inspire me that, yes, it can be done."

The spacious West Hollywood office contains scores of Emmys (not all of them), shelves and shelves of books, many dotted with framed photos of Winfrey with the likes of Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela. Everything here has a story, and Winfrey, a consummate teller of tales, her own and others', will happily share them with gusto.

"You see that photograph of me and Madiba over there?" Winfrey says, pointing to a picture of her and Mandela, telling of the time she went to South Africa to help AIDSstricken children for a project called Christmas Kindness. Once there, Winfrey, her hair braided, waited with a town mayor for Mandela to arrive via helicopter.

"I am so excited," the mayor told her. "Nelson Mandela is coming and he's bringing Oprah Winfrey from America." Winfrey looked at him, confused. "I'm already here," she told him. "I'm Oprah."

The mayor looked at her. "You? You look like a girl from the village. Where is the Oprah we know?"

Winfrey laughs, but it's not enough to stir her beloved cocker spaniel, Sadie, sprawled out on the sofa next to her. It's a good story. And, of course, for Winfrey it's not just a story but a lesson because Winfrey finds lessons everywhere, and she absorbs them and then passes them on because she loves, to use a word she adores, "pontificating."

The town mayor's lesson: Rise for the moment. Give people the Oprah they know.

Over a long, discursive conversation, Winfrey, 63, did just that, touching on the movie she just made for HBO, "The Immortal Life of Hen-

rietta Lacks," in which she plays Deborah, the daughter of the title character, an African American woman whose cancer cells became crucial to medical research. We also talked about her next movie, "A Wrinkle in Time," made with her friend, Ava DuVernay, who created the beautiful, character-driven drama "Queen Sugar" for OWN. And other movies too, ones that Winfrey has made, might one day make, as well as films dear to heart.

Q: Deborah is searching for her identity through finding out about her mother. Did playing her make you think about your half sister, Patricia, and what it was like for her to find you and your mother after so many years?

**A:** You're the only person who's ever brought that up! But you are right. I thought of her a lot. There's a line where Deborah says, "The only thing I care about is my mother and my sister." I know that my sister has said those words.

#### Q: Her longing for family informed your work?

**A:** Definitely. That was part of my process. Because I don't have that longing. I'm the exact opposite. Like, probably when I was 20-something, I was told by a cousin that my father wasn't my father. And I said, "The only father I have is Vernon Winfrey and he's in a barber shop in Nashville, Tenn." And if somebody who said they were my father came to my front door, it would not matter to me.

I don't have any of that longing to know. Partly because I just do have this deeper sense of belonging to something bigger than my parents. Because my parents were together only one time. So it wasn't like, "Oh, gee, we wanted this daughter." (Laughs)

I'm glad my father did lay claim to me when he didn't have to. And I'm glad my mother didn't abort me because it would have been easier to do as a poor colored woman with no education in Mississippi. So I'm grateful for that but I don't feel this deep sense of belonging to them. I think I belong to something bigger. The coming of me has been in the making for a long time.

#### Q: You're talking generations.

**A:** I never read it thoroughly when it was done, but I just recently looked at Henry Louis Gates' book, "Finding Oprah's Roots." Looking at it, I am a descendant of not just slaves, but slaves who loved land,



Oprah Winfrey at the premiere Of Lionsgate's "Boo! A Madea Halloween" on Oct. 17, 2016 at ArcLight Cinerama Dome in Hollywood. Calif. BIRDIE THOMPSON/ADMEDIA/ZUMA PRESS/TNS

which I now have a thing about land. I like it better than shoes. I'd rather have a nice piece of land than a great pair

The fact that my great-greatgrandfather could come out of slavery and end up a land owner, my great-great-grandmother would come out of slavery and end up a teacher and built a little school on a property ... and I had this yearning to build a school for girls. That's what I mean: It all comes from something bigger. Deeper.

Q: Going back to Deborah and the movie ... if you made that connection with your half sister, why did you have so many reservations about taking the part?

A: I always have reservations about acting. I don't want to embarrass myself.

#### Q: But you've acted in movies directed by Steven Spielberg and Jonathan Demme and Ava DuVernav...

**A:** I started with Spielberg. So I started pretty high in the food chain.

#### Q: And you've said that you were terrified every day he was going to fire you on "The Color Purple."

**A:** I was terrified. There was another movie-was it "Mask"?—where somebody had recently been fired, and it had never occurred to me that you could be fired from a movie. But I did know that if there was anybody who

could be fired, it would be me, because I didn't know what I was doing. Period.

My first day on set and I am in the first scene and I walk in and look directly into the camera and say my line. "Cut! Cut!" Steven asked, "Why are looking into the camera?" I had been on TV since I was 19 and that's what you do. You look at the camera. Anyway, I learned. But I've never stopped being intimidated.

#### Q: What about acting for Ava in "A Wrinkle in Time"?

**A:** Well, that was different. That was just a fun thing to do. I'm so proud of her. You know why? Because it mirrors my relationship with Maya Angelou. She used to tell me she was proud of me, but I couldn't hear it. I couldn't receive it. I didn't really know what that meant until my friendship with Ava. Every time she does something, I think, "Oh. This is what Maya felt about me. That's what it means when you feel enlarged by someone else's successes." Her growth makes me feel broader.

#### Q: Tell me about Mrs. Witch, your character in "A Wrinkle in Time."

A: She's a cross between Glinda the Good Witch and Maya Angelou. (Laughs)

You know, it all started because I love New Zealand so much. So when Ava went there to scout and she's telling me about the ice caves and glaciers and mountains and

am coming to visit." And she said, "If you're going to visit, why don't you work? Would you mind reading the script?"

So I did. And I believe I am Mrs. Witch! You know, she's born of the stars and she's a wise woman coming from another cosmos. So, c'mon! And she loves pontificating.

#### Q: Next thing you're going to say is that she loves desserts and Toni Morrison.

**A:** She probably does! Anyway, it was done out of friendship in the beginning and turned into a great experience. I just saw it in its rough stages the other day, just a piece of it, and I started to cry. She's put her soul into it. And Disney has given her the luxury of time, which she has never had before. It's going to pay off in ways you can't imagine.

"It's going to pay off in ways you can't imagine," Oprah Winfrey says of the time Disney gave her friend and director Ava DuVernay to make "A Wrinkle in Time."

(In an email, DuVernay writes: "This is my second time working with Oprah as an actress. The first was with her poignant portrayal of the real-life civil rights legend Annie Lee Cooper in 'Selma.' This time around we worked together on her portrayal of an all-knowing, all-wise celestial being who brings good and light to the Universe. Tall order for most. But she dazzled me and everyone on set with the ease and effortlessness of her performance. It's saying a lot when you can make allknowing and all-wise look easy! But she did just that.

"Oprah is a lot of things. Leader. Legend. Mogul. But we should really add a formidable actress to that list. She has a tremendous toolbox. I believe her work as an actor is imbued with the knowledge of all her hundreds of thousands of human interactions and interviews over the past three decades. She's looked into people's eyes and heard their stories face to face. The triumphs. The tragedies. And everything in between. She's heard and seen it all. And she brings that to her acting. Because she's achieved excellence in her career in other areas, it's easy to overlook her acting work. But when you really look closely, it's quite clear. She's a real actor with real gifts. A force. And I consider myself fortunate to have worked with her in this way.")

Q: What about this talk of you playing the Shirley MacLaine role in Lee Daniels'

#### turquoise lakes, I told her, "I remake of "Terms of Endearment"? Is that going to happen?

**A:** It's just a rumor. I spoke to Lee actually this morning who told me that somebody is writing it. And I go, "Lee, you're not doing a thing until you have a script." And I don't think it should be called "Terms of Endearment," that's for sure, especially if you're doing a whole other script. It's about an African American family and the girl gets AIDS from the husband. That's not "Terms of Endearment." It's something else.

#### Q: So you're not stepping into Shirley MacLaine's shoes?

A: What I am saying for sure is that I am not going to try to step into Shirley MacLaine's shoes. It's unnecessary to do that. She's already done it as well as it could be done for that role.

I just watched "Terms of Endearment" recently with my girls (students at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa). I sit down with them, telling them all the movies you need to know. (She pounds her hands) Movies you ... need ... to ... know. "Terms" might be my favorite movie of all time other than ... well, "(One Flew Over the) Cuckoo's Nest" is one of my favorites.

When I first opened my school, I made everyone watch "The Wizard of Oz," and they were like, "Mom O, why are we watching this white girl run up some yellow bricks?" That's when they were 12 or 13. Now they get it. Because I teach, "You've always had the power. You spend your whole life running around, looking for the perfect yellow brick road and it's always right here." Now they're college graduates. We were just talking about this the other day. "Remember when you made us watch 'The Wizard of Oz?' "What was that all about?

#### Q: Same thing when I first showed "To Kill a Mockingbird" to my kids. "It's in black and white? Nooooo!"

**A:** What's your favorite line in that movie? Come on. Tell

#### Q: Uuummm...

**A:** "Stand up. Your father's passing." Still gets me every

I normally don't watch movies more than once. That one I probably saw three or four times as a little girl. Scout. Why didn't someone name me Scout? I just love the idea of being a Scout. You can never be mad at a Scout, you know.

# Coroner: Cocaine among drugs found in Carrie Fisher's system

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Carrie Fisher's autopsy report shows the actress had cocaine in her system when she fell ill on a plane last year, but investigators could not determine what impact the cocaine and other drugs found in her system had on her death.

The report released Monday states Fisher may have taken cocaine three days before the Dec. 23 flight on which she became ill. She died four days later.

It also found traces of heroin, other opiates and MDMA, which is also known as ecstasy, but that they could not determine when Fisher had taken those drugs. The findings were based on toxicology screenings done on samples taken when the "Star Wars" actress arrived at a Los Angeles hospital.

Coroner's officials ruled Fisher died from sleep apnea and a combination of other factors. A news release issued Friday mentioned drugs were found in Fisher's system, but it did not provide details.

Monday's full report contains a detailed explanation of the results, such as why investigators believe Fisher took cocaine at least three days before her flight.

"At this time the significance of cocaine cannot be established in this case," the report states.

It also states that while heroin is detectable in the system for a briefer period



This April 7, 2011 file photo shows Carrie Fisher at the 2011 NewNowNext Awards in Los Angeles.

of time, investigators could not determine when Fisher, 60, took it or the ecstasy. Toxicology tests also found other opiates in Fisher's system, including morphine, although the report states the morphine could have been a byproduct of heroin.

"Ms. Fisher suffered what appeared to be a cardiac arrest on the airplane accompanied by vomiting and with a history of sleep apnea. Based on the available toxicological information, we cannot establish the significance of the multiple substances that

were detected in Ms. Fisher's blood and tissue, with regard to the cause of death," the report states.

Among the factors that contributed to Fisher's death was buildup of fatty tissue in the walls of her arteries, the coroner's office said last week.

A phone message left for Fisher's brother, Todd, was not immediately returned.

Todd Fisher said Friday he was not surprised that drugs may have contributed to his sister's death.

"I would tell you, from my perspective that there's certainly no news that Carrie did drugs," Todd Fisher said. He noted that his sister wrote extensively about her drug use, and that many of the drugs she took were prescribed by doctors to try to treat her mental health conditions.

Fisher long battled drug addiction and mental illness. She said she smoked pot at 13, used LSD by 21 and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at 24. She was treated with electroshock therapy and medication.

"I am not shocked that part of her health was affected by

#### drugs," Todd Fisher said.

He said his sister's heart condition was probably worsened by her smoking all of it," he said.

habit, as well as the medications she took. "If you want to know what killed her, it's

# Justices say law on offensive trademarks is unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court on Monday struck down part of a law that bans offensive trademarks, ruling in favor of an Asian-American rock band called the Slants and giving a major boost to the Washington Redskins in their separate legal fight over the team name.

The justices were unanimous in saying that the 71-year-old trademark law barring disparaging terms infringes free speech rights guaranteed in the Constitution's First Amendment.

"It offends a bedrock First Amendment principle: Speech may not be banned on the ground that it expresses ideas that offend," Justice Samuel Alito said in his opinion for the court.

Slants founder Simon Tam tried to trademark the band name in 2011, but the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office denied the request on the ground that it disparages Asians. A federal appeals court in Washington later said the law barring offensive trademarks is unconstitutional and the Supreme Court agreed.

The Redskins made similar arguments after the trademark office ruled in 2014 that the name offends American Indians and canceled the team's trademark. That case, before a federal appeals court in Richmond, had been on hold while the Supreme Court considered the Slants case.

Tam insisted he was not trying to be offensive, but wanted to transform a derisive term into a statement of pride. The Redskins also contend their name honors American Indians, but the team has faced decades of legal challenges from Indian groups that say the name is racist.

Tam said the band was "beyond humbled and thrilled" with the ruling.

"This journey has always been much bigger than our band: it's been about the rights of all marginalized communities to determine what's best for ourselves," he said.

Despite intense public pressure to change the Redskins name, team owner Dan Snyder has refused, saying in the past that it "represents honor, respect and pride" for Native Americans. Snyder issued a quick statement after Monday's decision: "I am THRILLED. Hail to the Redskins."

Redskins attorney Lisa Blatt said the court's decision effectively resolves the Redskins' longstanding dispute with the government.

"The Supreme Court vindicated the team's position that the First Amendment blocks the government from denying or cancelling a trademark registration based on the government's opinion," Blatt said.

Trademark office spokesman Paul Fucito said officials are reviewing the court's ruling and planned to issue further guidance on how they will review trademark applications.

Indian groups opposing the Redskins said the ruling does not change the fact that the name "is a dictionary-defined racial slur."

"If the NFL wants to live up to its statements about placing importance on equality, then it shouldn't hide behind these rulings, but should act to the end this hateful and degrading slur," said a joint statement from the National Congress of American Indians and the group Change the Mascot.

The ruling means offensive trademarks can no longer be denied, even for names that intend to disparage individuals or groups of people, said Megan Carpenter, dean at the University of New Hampshire School of Law and an expert on trademark law.

While the justices all agreed on the outcome, they split in their rationale. Alito rejected arguments that the government has an interest in preventing speech that is offensive to certain groups.

"Speech that demeans on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, or any other similar ground is hateful; but the proudest boast of our free speech jurisprudence is that we protect the freedom to express the thought we hate," Alito said in a part of his opinion joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas and Stephen Brever.

Writing separately, Justice Anthony Kennedy stressed that the ban on disparaging trademarks was a clear form of viewpoint discrimination forbidden under the First Amendment.

"A law that can be directed against speech found offensive to some portion of the public can be turned against minority and dissenting views to the detriment of all," Kennedy said in an opinion joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonya Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

# Married ballet stars Tiler Peck, Robert Fairchild split

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The real-life fairy tale marriage of ballet stars Robert Fairchild and Tiler Peck is over.

Representatives for the New York City Ballet principal dancers tell The Associated Press the couple is splitting: "We can confirm that Tiler and Robbie have decided to part ways. They wish nothing but the best for each other as they move forward into their next phases, personally and professionally."

The couple married in June

After marrying, Peck, who has been on Broadway in the 2014 revival of "On the Town" and in "The Music Man," starred in the Susan Stroman-led musical "Little Dancer" in Washington, D.C., while Fairchild went to Paris and then Broadway for a Tony Award-nominated run in "An American in Paris." He was born in Salt Lake City and is the sister of New York City Ballet star Megan Fairchild, who starred on Broadway in "On the Town."

Peck, born in Bakersfield, California, has been a guest on "Dancing With the Stars" and has designed leotards, skirts and tunics for Body Wrappers and received the 2016 Dance Magazine Award.

Both returned to New York City Ballet and danced together in Christopher Wheeldon's ballet "American Rhapsody." They have also danced together in Wheeldon's "A Place for Us" and a New York Philharmonic's production of "Carousel."

## Kelly's Alex Jones report seen by just 3.5 million viewers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)— The publicity and uproar in the days before Sunday's broadcast of Megyn Kelly's interview with conspiracy theorist Alex Jones didn't translate into ratings.

The NBC program was seen by 3.5 million viewers, according to Nielsen, an audience dwarfed by CBS rival "60 Minutes," a rerun which drew 5.3 million viewers. "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly" had 6.2 million viewers for Kelly's interview of Vladimir Putin on the show's June 4 debut.

In the days preceding her segment on Jones, Kelly had received widespread criti-

cism for giving a platform to a man whose false allegations only added to the pain of the 20 children and six educators Newtown tragedy and even killed at Sandy Hook Elemenencouraged people to harass relatives of the victims. In the interview, Jones never gave a direct answer when Kelly pressed him to admit he was wrong and continued to raise questions about the shootings.

A parent of one of the children killed in the 2012 Connecticut school shootings says she won't view the Megyn Kelly interview of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones that aired on NBC's "Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly."

Nicole Hockley's 6-yearold son, Dylan, was among the tary School in Newtown. She said Monday she won't watch the interview for "obvious" reasons; Jones has called the school shooting a hoax.

One Newtown parent did appear on Kelly's program: Neil Heslin, whose 6-year-old son. Jesse Lewis, was killed. When Kelly asked him if he had anything to say to Jones for Father's Day, when the interview aired, he responded, "I think he's blessed to have his children to spend the day with. to speak to. I don't have that."

Andrew Friedman, a representative for the Newtown victims' families, said Monday that neither he nor Joshua Koskoff, the lawyer for the families in a lawsuit against gun maker Remington Arms, had any comment on the Jones interview.

Connecticut's NBC affiliate did not air Sunday's report and lawyers representing 12 people who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook urged NBC News officials not to air the interview. NBC News Chairman Andy Lack told The Associated Press that the Jones story would be edited with its critics in mind.

# Prestigious UK children's books prizes given to 2 Americans

LONDON (AP)—Two Americans have for the first time been awarded the U.K.'s prestigious children's book awards.

CILIP Carnegie Medal for children's writing on Monday for "Salt to the Sea," a fictionalized

Ruta Sepetys won the 2017 refugee story about the 1945 sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea, in which thousands of people drowned.

The CILIP Carnegie honors outstanding writing for children and young people and is the oldest children's book award in the U.K.

CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for illustration in children's books with "There Is A Tribe

Lane Smith won the 2017 Of Kids," a picture book about collective nouns.

> The winners each receive a 5,000-pound (\$6,400) cash prize.

# Guinness Records to check newly unveiled Brazil graffiti

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— The mayor of Rio de Janeiro says a newly unveiled graffiti painting will submitted to Guinness World Records for consideration as the largest

The work entitled "Contos," or "Stories," measures about 2,500 square meters and was unveiled Monday by Mayor Marcelo Crivella. It depicts and an illiterate mother holding a book and

telling a story to her children.

Rio officials say the piece created on a high school's wall in the city's downtown could be the biggest piece of graffiti ever painted by a woman.

The 19-year-old artist Luna

Buschinelli calls it a tribute to mothers and teachers.

It is the first of 20 murals the Rio City Hall is sponsoring through an effort to enhance public spaces through urban art.



A giant graffiti titled "Contos" or "Tales", created by 19-year-old Luna Buschinelli, covers an exterior of the Rivadavia Correa municipal school, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, June 19, 2017.

## Miles Teller arrested for public drunkenness in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Actor Miles Teller is out of jail after being arrested for public drunkenness.

San Diego Police officer Billy Hernandez says the 30-year-old actor was arrested Sunday morning after officers spotted him swaying and falling into the street.

Teller wrote on Twitter Mon-

to charge me with a crime," but Hernandez says the actor was booked on suspicion of public intoxication, a misdemeanor.

Teller's publicist did not

The Associated Press seeking comment Monday.

Teller's credits include "Whiplash," "The Spectacular Now," "Allegiant" and "Fantastic Four."

## Oscar-winner Marlee Matlin fears funding cuts for disabled

JERUSALEM (AP) — Oscar-winning actress Marlee Matlin says she is "extremely concerned" about funds being cut from services for the disabled.

Matlin, who was the first deaf person to receive an Academy Award, spoke Monday in Tel Aviv. Matlin is in Israel to receive the prestigious Morton E. Ruderman Award for her lifelong activism for people with disabilities.

She said it would be a "di- dren of a Lesser God."

saster" if health care is cut back in the U.S.

Congressional Republicans are targeting the Medicaid health program, which helps the poor and disabled, and funds nursing home care for millions of older people who could not otherwise afford it.

Matlin said "people with disabilities need to be more outspoken."

Matlin won the Oscar for best actress for 1986's "Chil-

## **Venus Ramey, Miss America** who inspired WWII effort, dies

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)-Venus Ramey, a former Miss America who helped rally the nation during World War II and found renewed fame later in life by shooting out the tires of intruders at her Kentucky farm, has died. She was 92.

The 1944 Miss America died Saturday, according to the Morris and Hislope Funeral Home in Science Hill, Kentucky.

Ramey was the first redhead to win the Miss America title and the first to be photographed in color. After winning the crown, she embarked on a vaudeville tour and sold \$5 million in war bonds. Her likeness also graced a B-17 that made 68 raids over Germany and other Nazi-occupied nations.

"Venus was a revolutionary Miss America who lived a full life, cared deeply about her country and our military, and utilized her influence for the good of our nation," said Josh Randle, president of the Miss America Organization. "Venus will be greatly missed by the Miss America family, and our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones."

Kenny Upchurch, a retired sheriff's officer in Kentucky, befriended Ramey after she won the title, but they never talked about it, or her experiences on behalf of the war effort. Rather, he said, they would chat about local concerns at the post office when she came to pick up her mail.

"She was a great American," he said. "She loved animals. A lot of people would drop stray animals off, and she would take care of them. She was just a very kind and caring person."

## day that "there was no evidence respond to messages from Gal pals can't see psoitives in woman's open marriage

EAR ABBY: I've been in an extramarital relationship for 10 years. My husband knows, and so do my close friends.

I love this man dearly, but neither of us want it to be full-time. I have children at home and don't want to disrupt anything. We meet once or twice a week. He touches base with me several times a day, and is attentive where my husband never was.

My husband isn't bitter about the relationship anymore. However, my two closest friends continually say, "Well, why lie to yourself? You know you just say you don't want things full-time so you don't drive him away," which isn't true. We have a great thing—we travel, we have long discussions, and I can open up to him without any repercussions, bouncing ideas and thoughts off of each other without judgment or criticism.

But I really DON'T want this to be full-time. I enjoy it like I enjoy a good book and a glass of wine—not every day, but an indulgence and a pleasure. It also feels good to hear "I'm thinking of you" first thing every morning and the last thing every night. I am flattered.

It feels horrible that my two best friends can't understand that I give of myself to my community and my family and need something that is just for me. I have reached the point where I don't want to have these discussions with my friends anymore, so I avoid them. How can I get across to them that I'm fine and

happy and content?

JUST FOR ME

DEAR JUST: You say you are happy and content, and your husband is OK with the arrangement. Don't you think it's time you stopped trying to "sell" the concept of open marriage to your women friends? By now it should be clear that they do not understand. They probably never will. Most people don't. Let it lie!

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a first-time mom of a toddler. I suffer from (and am being treated for) anxiety issues.

Abby, I am having trouble finding the balance on gun safety and awareness in other people's homes—especially if my daughter will be visiting. I grew up in a household where my father hunted and had guns in the house. However, he stored them safely in a locked cabinet and was the only one with access to the key. He also stored ammunition separately.

Where do I draw the line? Do I ask everyone whose house I'll be going to whether or not they have guns? What are the appropriate questions? Do I ask where they are stored and who has access? What else should I ask? Or should I mind my own business? I know the questions won't be appreciated by everyone because it will seem like I am questioning their judgment.

#### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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Happy Birthday: Soak in everything going on around you Listen use your imagination and strive to do things your own way. Don't let anyone pressure you into something that will cost you time, money or your reputation. It's important to stay on track and to fulfill your goals. Personal changes will encourage you to do better. Your numbers are 4, 11, 18, 23, 28, 35, 48.

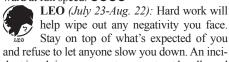
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make changes for the right reasons. Following what someone else does will set you back and cause disappointment and anxiety. Do your own thing and be diligent when it comes to enforcing your plans. Discipline will lead to posi-

tive change. **QQQ** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Personal gains can be made if you invest in something that will help you excel or present what you have to offer with more confidence and finesse. The way you handle a romantic situation

will determine your future. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep others' secrets if you don't want to look bad. Meddling in other people's affairs will result in someone interfering in your life as well. Treat others as you want to be treated, and you'll avoid being blamed. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get motivated and get moving. You can make a difference and give yourself the boost you need to achieve the happiness you deserve.

Don't sit back when you should be moving forward at full speed.



dent involving an ex-partner must not be allowed to keep you from your current objectives. Stay focused. 😂 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships

and forming an allegiance with someone who shares your interests will lead to greater opportunities. Your charm, experience and unique approach to problems will turn heads. Discuss your ideas and show off your skills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep things in perspective. If you make assumptions or overreact to situations, you will end up being pressured to do something you don't want to do. Gather facts and be prepared to counter

whatever comes your way reasonably. •••• SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Physical activity will make you feel vibrant. Use your intelligence and you'll come up

with a way to do what you like and stay within budget. Don't spend on something you don't need. Romance is highlighted and will enhance your life. 🛇 🗘

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look for an opportunity to get involved in something you feel strongly about. Your physical and intellectual contributions will be ap-

preciated and lead to meeting interesting people who have something to offer in return. •••

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A

business deal or situation that has the potential to affect your status, position or reputation must be handled carefully. Overreacting will not help you get matters under control. Stay calm and offer solutions that appease everyone. 🛇 🔾 🔾

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Short trips, learning something new or doing something special with children are all favored. You can bring about positive changes if you lend a helping hand to an organization you believe

in. Your input will lead to an opportunity. •••• PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your creative talent will blossom if you give yourself free range to explore new ways of doing things. Engage in functions that will help you expand your interests and friendships with

people who share your dreams. •••• Birthday Baby: You are warm, affectionate and

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By Dave Green

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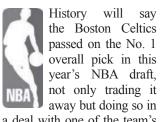
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# 76ers get No. 1 pick from Celtics, chance to draft Fultz

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP BASKETBALL WRITER



a deal with one of the team's fiercest rivals.

Danny Ainge isn't worried. Philadelphia and Boston completed their trade of draft picks on Monday, the 76ers acquiring the No. 1 pick from the Celtics and netting the chance to draft Washington guard Markelle Fultz. The Celtics moved down two spots to No. 3 and picked up another firstround selection in either 2018 or 2019—with Ainge saying the deal came at no cost to Boston whatsoever.

"We're getting the player we want. They're getting the player they want," said Ainge, the Celtics' president of basketball operations. "And we're getting an additional player that we want in next year's draft or the year after. It's a good deal for both teams."

The player Philadelphia wants is clear: The 76ers wouldn't say it Monday, but they're going to take Fultz barring something cataclysmic happening before Thursday.

"We felt like the move from 3 to 1 was worth the cost of a first-round pick in the future," 76ers president of basketball operations Bryan Colangelo said.

Next up will be the Los Angeles Lakers, expected to take UCLA guard Lonzo Ball.

And then come the Celtics, starting the real intrigue. If Ainge is to be believed, even they don't know who they will take at No. 3—but he insisted that whichever choice they make there would have been the choice they made at No. 1 if this deal hadn't gone down. The Celtics had Duke's Jayson Tatum in for a workout on Monday and hope to have Kansas' Josh Jackson in on Tuesday.

"I think they're both terrific players," Ainge said. "I'll say that. ... I like both of those kids. I think they're both terrific talents."

So the way he looks at it, the deal is a win-win.

For now, Boston has seven first-round picks in the next three years.

And that means the Celtics could be gearing up for more moves soon.

After finishing with the No. 1 seed in the East this season before getting ousted in the conference finals by Cleveland in a one-sided series, the Celtics have considered packaging some of their future picks for an established star that could help them close the gap on the Cavaliers and Golden State—the teams that have met in the last three NBA Finals.

With Isaiah Thomas and Al Horford, Ainge is looking to make a deal like the seven-forone trade in 2007 that brought Kevin Garnett—and an NBA-record 17th championship—to Boston.

"We are certainly aware of our competition," Ainge said. "We know how good Cleveland and we know how good Golden State is. We watched the same Finals that everybody did. But I think we're still moving on the same path.

... And when the right deals come around, we will move on them."

Philadelphia will hold



the No. 1 pick for the second straight year. The Sixers worked Fultz out on Saturday night as talks with the Celtics got to the final stages. It was agreed to in principle at that point, with the last holdup being the customary league approval on the terms—which came Monday.

There are some conditions on the future first-rounder

Boston gets out of this deal. If the Lakers hold a pick between No. 2 and No. 5 next season, Boston now gets that one as well. If not, Philadelphia will send Boston either

In this Feb. 1, 2017, file photo, Washington's Markelle Fultz (20) drives to the basket ahead of Southern California's De'Anthony Melton during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, in Seattle. Fultz is expected to be a top pick at the NBA Draft on Thursday, June 22.

its own first-rounder in 2019 or Sacramento's first-rounder that year.

"This is certainly a trade that is under the microscope more than others," Ainge said. "But we're not afraid of that."

With Thomas, the Celtics didn't necessarily need a point guard—which is the piece Philadelphia apparently wanted most.

Fultz averaged 23.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.9 assists in 25 games during his lone college season at Washington, excelling on a team that finished 9-22. Fultz, who went to high school in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, led the Pac-12 in scoring and finished No. 6 among all Division I players. He was the top freshman scorer in the country.

In 2016, the Sixers picked Ben Simmons, who didn't play at all during the season after breaking a bone in his foot. Fultz would join a Philadelphia roster that includes Simmons, Jahlil Okafor and 2017 Rookie of the Year finalists Joel Embiid and Dario Saric.

"I am incredibly excited that we've acquired the No. 1 overall pick in Thursday's NBA draft," 76ers managing general partner Josh Harris said. "This pick provides us a tremendous opportunity to add another foundational player to our promising core."

# GM Griffin, Cavs part ways after title, 3 straight Finals

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—One year ago, David Griffin celebrated the biggest win in Cavaliers history.

He marked the anniversary Monday by walking away from the team.

Griffin's three-year run as general manager with Cleveland is over after one championship and three straight trips to the NBA Finals.

After guiding the team through its most successful stretch, Griffin mutually parted ways with the Cavs as owner Dan Gilbert said the GM's contract will not be extended once it expires June 30.

"On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to thank Griff for his leadership and many contributions during his time here, including most recently, his role in the franchise's first NBA Cham-

pionship," Gilbert said in a statement. "We have no announcement at this time related to new leadership of the Cavaliers basketball operations group, but we are confident our current front office will continue to aggressively explore and pursue opportunities to improve our team in the weeks ahead."

Griffin's departure comes on the one-year anniversary of the Cavs' dramatic Game 7 win over Golden State, capping a historic comeback that gave Cleveland its first major professional sports championship since 1964.

He's also leaving three days before the draft and on the eve of free agency. Cleveland could have a busy summer as it looks to revamp its roster after losing to the Warriors in five games in this year's Finals. With Griffin out, the Cavs enter a critical juncture without a seasoned executive making the calls. The Cavs will try to improve their roster this summer as superstar LeBron James enters his final season under contract.

A team spokesman said Trent Redden, the team's senior vice president of basketball operations, is also not returning. Assistant general manager Koby Altman remains with the team and is part of a group overseeing draft preparation and trade talks.

The Cavs have reportedly been contacted by the Indiana Pacers in a potential deal for All-Star Paul George, who will be a free agent after the 2017-18 season.

A few hours after Cleveland's summer was thrown into chaos, James offered his support to Griffin on Twitter.

"If no one appreciated you Griff I did, and hopefully all the people of Cleveland!" James wrote. "Thanks for what u did for the team for 3 yrs! We got us 1 (trophy)."

The 47-year-old Griffin had been Cleveland's GM since May 2014. He took over the role on a full-time basis after serving as an interim GM for three months following Chris Grant's firing.

Griffin was in control during the team's return to prominence after James came back following four seasons in Miami. Griffin orchestrated the trade that brought All-Star Kevin Love from Minnesota, and he bolstered the Cavs' roster with other trades and crafty free agent signings.

However, perhaps Griffin's biggest move was firing coach David Blatt midway through the 2015-16 season despite the Cavs being 30-11. Griffin didn't think the Cavs were playing with the passion they needed under Blatt, and he promoted assistant Tyronn Lue, who led the Cavs to their first title.

Although the team scuffled at times during a disjointed 2016-17 season, James, who can opt out of his contract after next season, went out of his way to praise Griffin. James even campaigned to get Griffin an extension after he pulled off a trade to get Kyle Korver, one of the league's best outside shooters.

But despite Griffin's many successes, Gilbert decided they needed to go separate ways, ending a stretch of unprecedented accomplishments for the Cavs.

Griffin was the fourth GM to work for Gilbert, who

bought the franchise in 2005 and has remained deeply engaged in all aspects of his team. That hands-on approach may have upset others, but Griffin seemed to find the right balance with his boss.

Griffin, though, did not get an extension after the Cavs won the title last year and he essentially worked as a lame duck during a sometimes turbulent 2016-17 season. Griffin was targeted by Atlanta and Orlando for GM openings, but Gilbert did not grant those teams permission to speak with Griffin during the playoffs. Those positions are now filled.

When another front-office vacancy in Milwaukee was recently filled, Griffin lost some leverage in his attempt to get a raise.

Still, there was hope Gilbert and Griffin could work out a deal, and the two met last week to discuss this past season and future plans.

They won't be together.

# Kluber has 5th career shutout as Cleveland wins 6th straight



Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his fifth career shutout and Jason Kipnis and Carlos Santana homered as Cleveland overpowered the Baltimore Orioles 12-0 Monday night for its season-high sixth straight victory.

Santana and Austin Jackson had three RBIs apiece for the AL Central leaders, whose recent surge has lifted them to a season-best six games over .500 (37-31).

Cleveland batted around in the fourth and fifth innings and sent eight men to the plate in a three-run sixth that made it 11-0. Cleveland banged out a season-high 10 extra-base hits, including seven doubles.

Kluber (6-2) struck out 11 and walked none in his 12th career complete game and second shutout this season. The right-hander scattered three singles and struck out the side in the ninth.

Baltimore starter Dylan Bundy (7-6) allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings. The Orioles have dropped nine of 12 and yielded at least five runs in 16 straight games.

#### Dodgers 10, Mets 6

In Los Angeles, Dodgers rookie Cody Bellinger launched two more home runs, setting a major league record with his powerful start, and Clayton Kershaw became the first 10-game winner in the National League despite giving up a career-high four long balls as Los Angeles held off New York

The 21-year-old Bellinger reached 21 homers in 51 career games — faster than any other player in big league history. He leads the NL in that category even though he spotted the rest of the league three weeks before he was called up from the minors.

Justin Turner hit a two-run homer and Chris Taylor had a solo shot for the Dodgers, who jumped out to a 7-0 lead against struggling Mets starter Zack Wheeler (3-5) in the first two innings.

Turner had four hits and four RBIs against his former team. Bellinger also drove in four runs.

Kershaw (10-2) struck out 10 but allowed two homers to Jose Reyes, including a two-run drive in the seventh. Jay Bruce also connected and rookie Gavin Cecchini hit his first career homer for New York.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner has given up 17 home runs this season, already a career high.

The Dodgers finished with a season-high 17 hits. They have won 10 of 11 and are a season-best 19 games



over .500 at 45-26.

#### Marlins 8, Nationals 7

In Miami, Marcell Ozuna singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning as Miami overcame an early six-run deficit to beat Washington.

Marlins slugger Justin Bour tied the game at 6 in the third with a grand slam, his 18th homer. Giancarlo Stanton also hit his 18th of the season to make it 7-all in the seventh.

Bryce Harper hit his 18th homer for the Nationals. Anthony Rendon also went deep before leaving in the fifth inning with a neck stinger he sustained diving for a grounder. He is day to day

Washington starter Tanner Roark squandered a 6-0 lead by giving up six runs in the third. Enny Romero (2-3) took the loss.

A.J. Ramos (2-3) worked a scoreless ninth and the Marlins won for the 11th time in their past 13 home games.

Miami lost to Atlanta on walk-off hits by Brandon Phillips on Saturday and Sunday.

#### Royals 4, Red Sox 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Whit Merrifield drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Eric Hosmer hit a tworun homer and Kansas City topped Boston for its eighth win in nine games.

Jason Hammel (4-6) pitched seven sharp innings before turning it over to Mike Minor, who loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth. No. 9 hitter Christian Vazquez grounded out to end the threat.

Kelvin Herrera worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Red Sox reliever Blaine Boyer (0-1) gave up Merrifield's bouncing RBI single in the seventh. Boyer was lifted after Lorenzo Cain added an insurance run with a single, the second straight night Boston's stingy bullpen has allowed a pair of runs.

Red Sox relievers had thrown 26 straight scoreless innings before the slump.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a tworun homer for Boston.

#### Blue Jays 7, Rangers 6

In Arlington, Texas, Kendrys Morales hit a go-ahead single after a tying single by Josh Donaldson in the ninth inning, and Toronto edged Texas in a matchup of AL Division Series opponents the past two seasons.

The Blue Jays won despite blowing a 5-1 lead in their first visit to Texas since last postseason, when they won the first two games in a best-of-five sweep that was their second straight ALDS victory over the two-time defending AL West champs.

Donaldson's single off closer Matt Bush scored Ryan Goins, who just beat the throw to second for a leadoff double. Morales' hit to the gap in left-center scored Donaldson from second after a stolen base and a walk. It was the third blown save in 11 chances for Bush (2-2).

Jeff Beliveau (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth, and Roberto

Osuna worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 18th save in 22 chances.

Toronto's Steve Pearce and Adrian Beltre of the Rangers traded three-run doubles in the fourth, with Beltre's liner to right-center capping a five-run inning for a 6-5 lead that held up until the ninth.

Jose Bautista homered for the Blue Jays and Justin Smoak had three hits, including a career high-tying 20th homer.

#### Cubs 3, Padres 2

In Chicago, Willson Contreras hit a tying homer, Javier Baez scored the go-ahead run on an error and Wade Davis worked out of a ninth-inning jam for Chicago against San Diego.

Anthony Rizzo thrived in the leadoff spot again, extending his career-high hitting streak to 13 games by going 2 for 3 with an RBI as the Cubs won their second straight to improve to 35-34.

Jose Pirela and Yangervis Solarte each had a solo homer for the Padres, although Pirela's error in left field allowed the decisive run to score in the seventh.

Hector Rondon (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win, and Davis struck out Wil Myers and got Hunter Renfroe to ground out with runners on second and third for his 14th save in 14 chances.

Kirby Yates (1-1) allowed an unearned run but took the loss.

#### Pirates 8, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Andrew Mc-

Cutchen hit a two-run homer, Gerrit Cole pitched seven strong innings and Pittsburgh beat Milwaukee.

Travis Shaw's leadoff homer in the second put the Brewers ahead 1-0 and set a franchise mark, with the Brewers scoring their 16th consecutive run via the long ball.

The Pirates took the lead in the third on Adam Frazier's two-run single off starter Matt Garza (3-3).

Cole (5-6) held the Brewers to one run and three hits.

#### Braves 9, Giants O

In Atlanta, R.A. Dickey threw seven scoreless innings, Matt Adams hit another homer and Atlanta sent San Francisco to its seventh straight loss.

The 42-year-old Dickey (5-5) escaped a jam in the first to turn in his strongest outing of the season. He gave up just three hits and retired 16 of the last 17 hitters he faced.

The Giants' skid is the longest of a hugely disappointing season as they dropped to 26-46 and fell 20 games behind first-place Colorado in the NL West.

Adams homered in the fourth off Johnny Cueto (5-7) and added an RBI single in the eighth to key a seven-run outburst that made it a rout. He has 10 homers and 27 RBIs since being acquired from St. Louis on May 20.

#### Reds 7, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Scott Schebler and Scooter Gennett homered and Joey Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber throws to the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game in Baltimore, Monday, June 19,

Votto snapped an eighth-inning tie with an RBI single, helping Cincinnati end a season-high nine-game losing streak with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Schebler led off the fifth with his 19th homer, tying Votto for the team lead. Gennett went deep for the second consecutive day, his first homers since hitting four in a game against St. Louis on June 6.

Votto's RBI single off Jose Alvarado (0-2) put the Reds in front for good after the Rays rallied to tie it on Steven Souza Jr.'s solo homer off Scott Feldman and Daniel Robertson's two-run shot off reliever Michael Lorenzen (4-2).

#### Astros 4, Athletics 1

In Oakland, California, George Springer hit his 20th home run, and Jake Marisnick and Derek Fisher also went deep in Houston's victory over Oakland.

Evan Gattis and Alex Bregman both doubled twice to help the Astros improve to a major league-best 24-8 on the road while winning their seventh straight at the Coliseum.

Brad Peacock (4-1) struck out eight in 5 2/3 innings, and Ken Giles earned his 17th save

Marisnick hit a two-run shot off rookie starter Daniel Gossett (0-2).

#### Mariners 6, Tigers 2

In Seattle, Mike Zunino continued his torrid month with a pair of two-run homers to lead Seattle past Detroit.

Beginning a stretch with 16 of 19 games at home prior to the All-Star break, the Mariners used a trio of home runs to hand the Tigers their third straight loss and ninth in the last 13 games.

Guillermo Heredia lined a two-run shot, and Zunino's eighth homer since being recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on May 23 gave Seattle the lead. Since returning from the minors with a retooled stance and approach at the plate, Zunino is hitting .338 with 28 RBIs. He's already set a franchise record for the most RBIs in a month by a catcher.

Four relievers combined to hold Detroit to two hits over the final four innings. James Pazos (2-1) got out of a basesloaded jam in the sixth.

Alex Wilson (1-4) took the

# Hall of Famer Jerome Bettis: NFL's been cagey on concussions



(AP)—Hall of Fame running back Jerome Bettis says the

NFL has taken advantage of its players by not sharing with them all the information it had about the risk of concussions.

After viewing an innovation expo in Jerusalem that included a presentation from ElMindA, an Israeli neuro-technology company that can help the NFL diagnose concussions, Bettis said Monday that he was encouraged by the progress but still perplexed about how transparent the league has been over the years.

"The problem is we don't necessarily know all the things the league is doing. For instance, working with this company here, you don't know if they are working with them closely to try to help solve the problem," Bettis said. "You definitely feel as though you were taken advantage of in a way that you weren't given that information, and you always want to have the choice



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margin against the Ol'Aces Extreme in the first game, 54-41, while the 670 Sonics XVI defeated the Ol'Aces Elite in the second match, 45-37.

Sean Paul Rafols and Parsley Linaogo teamed up in lifting the 670 Sonics XVI to the 8-point victory after scoring 13 and 11 points, respectively. They also drew enough support from their teammates, as five other 670 Sonics XVI players tallied at least 4 points each.

In contrast, the Ol'Aces Elite relied heavily on E.J. Abejo, who had a game-high 17 points. No other Ol'Aces Elite player made more than two field goals in their game against the 670 Sonics XVI.

In the first game, the Natibu Warriors pulled away in the

second quarter, taking advantage of the Ol'Aces Extreme's lack of manpower to get the easy win. The Ol'Aces Extreme had only five players available for the match.

Despite its shorthanded lineup, the Ol'Aces Extreme managed to tie the game at the end of the first quarter, 13-all, before Natibu buckled down to work and gained control of the duel. Rahwoo Sulap scored 11 points in the pivotal second canto, outgunning the entire Ol'Aces Extreme crew and turning a deadlock to a 34-22 halftime lead.

Henry Aguon took over from Sulap in the second half to keep Natibu's advantage, as the former recorded 10 of his 14 points in the final 20 minutes of play. Sulap, however, still top-scored for Natibu with his 17 markers, while Rico Villagomez had 10 points on a losing effort for the Ol'Aces Extreme.

Meanwhile, in the lone game played last Friday the NMI/DYS Rollers defeated the Northside Wolves, 73-49.

NMI/DYS Rollers also used a second-quarter scoring surge to beat the Wolves. Ahead by only a deuce after the first period, 14-12, NMI/ DYS Rollers exploded for 31 points in the second frame to enjoy a double-digit lead at the break, 45-28. Jude Tengco and Warren Ellama combined for 19 points in the second canto, while Jun Fidelino made NMI/DYS Rollers' last 5 points in the first half to hand their team the 17-point advantage. NMI/DYS Rollers never looked back from thereon, as their other players stepped up in the second half to keep the wide margin.

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the opening minute of the first round. He went on to engage Li in a brawl to earn the Fight of the Night tag and a \$50,000 bonus prize.

After the loss, Camacho had a chance to review the fight and learned a lot of things that will help him prepare for future UFC fights.

"It's back to the drawing board for me. After a few days of studying, I knew the double jab cross was going to be the money combination that would catch him. I noticed after I landed I didn't bum rush him fully. He is known for having a durable chin and I had to try and pick my shots moving forward. My last two

rounds I slowed down which ended costing me the fight. He did a great job at adjusting and using his range to land leg kicks to slow me down." he explained.

Camacho returned to Saipan yesterday after his defeat to Li and received a warm welcome from his relatives and friends.

"What an awesome surprise. Thank you for all the love and support," said Camacho, who was greeted with a personalized banner from his nephew and big hugs from her mom, Marcia.

"As a mom, of course, I am nervous every time he fights. But that's his dream (to do MMA fights) and we will support him all the way," Marcia

For his part, Frank Cama-

not only represents his family during the UFC fight, but the entire Marianas and he is proud that 'The Crank' left a good impression in Singapore.

UFC, Camacho won't be back at the octagon cage for 30 to 45 days, but will continue his training.

pan in September and I would love to be on that card. I also heard there's one in China this December, so maybe a rematch with Li behind the enemy lines. Who knows? There are lots of opportunities out there and I am just honored and humbled to represent Marianas and show the world the Chamorro islander warrior In this Thursday, June 15, 2017, photo, NFL player Jerome Bettis attends a football game in Ramat Hasharon, near Tel Aviv,

of knowing, and when that is taken away from you, you feel as though you were taken advantage of."

Bettis, the NFL's sixth alltime leading rusher, said he suffered concussions during his 13-year career, adding, "I don't think you'll find many guys that had a long career, played 10-plus years, that didn't have a concussion."

After years of denials, the NFL eventually acknowledged the link between repeated blows to the head during football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, known as CTE. The issue also garnered wide attention following the 2015 Will Smith film "Concussion."

Just last week, the first two claims in the NFL's billiondollar concussion settlement were announced, with a total of \$9 million in benefits. In the lawsuit filed in Philadelphia, the league was accused of hiding what it knew about the link between concussions and CTE, the degenerative brain disease that has been found in dozens of former players after their deaths.

In recent years, the NFL has undertaken a series of initiatives both on the field and off, including spending millions of dollars on research into head trauma.

'We were undefeated last

season and the boys, who are

nine and eight years old and

have been with us since they

were 6 are moving up to the

next level-the U13 competi-

tion. We feel playing against

teams outside Guam will help

them get better and ready for

TanHoldings in last Friday

morning's match and drew

three goals apiece from Beau

Perez and Douglas Kelly to

get off to a good start. Perez

had back-to-back goals with

his shots in the fourth and

sixth minute and he complet-

ed the hat trick in the 44th.

Kelly logged his first in the

17th minute and also hit two

straight with her second and

third coming in at the 26th and

29th. Landen Diaz added a pair

(11th and 21st minute), while

Atreu Tapao, Noah Cruz, and

Caleb Sablan contributed one

each. Jerald Dalawampu made

the lone goal for TanHoldings

in the 41st minute of the one-

hour match.

Sidekick FC first dueled

tougher games," Tapao said.

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league in Guam.

The NFL invests and collaborates with leading experts and innovators to advance progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of head injuries," league spokesman Brian McCarthy told The Associated Press.

Bettis is one of 18 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who is in Israel for a weeklong visit organized by New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft. In addition to boosting the fledgling local game, the delegation is also touring religious and historical sites, meeting prominent officials and learning about the country's vibrant technology sector.

The delegation, which includes Joe Montana, Jim Brown, Roger Staubach and Mike Singletary, received presentations from 10 companies at the expo. ElMindA, which is at the forefront of the concussion research and has developed a system based on a database of electrophysiological brain recordings that provide personalized functional cognitive mapping, was clearly most relevant to the audience.

"We have had a number of conversations with the company and continue to monitor developments, but the technology is not currently being used," McCarthy said.

Kraft's company, The Kraft Group, has been an investor in ElMindA since at least 2015.

Three-time All-Pro Aeneas Williams said he was pleased with how the NFL was han-

Against Kanoa U10, Kelly picked up where he left off, as he knocked in four goals in the Friday afternoon game. Sablan chipped in two, while Diaz, Zachariah Calvo, Perez, and Tapao recorded one apiece. Kanoa U10 only goal came from Jairus Santos right in the opening minute before the visiting team took control of the game the rest of the way.

Versus Matansa, the names of the scorers for Sidekick FC were not indicated in the match report. Only the scores in each halves were recorded with the winning team registering five in the first half and four in the second.

Its game against Matansa was played last Saturday morning and Sidekick FC. after only a few hours break, had to return to the pitch in the afternoon for the final match. Fatigue seemed to take its toll on the visiting squad, allowing a well-rested and much experienced Kanoa U12 crew to deny Sidekicks FC the sweep. Markus Toves and John Mark Anastacio scored two goals for Kanoa FC U12, while Paulo Jerome Quidato, Sean Gil, and

Lester Bata made one each.

dling the issue and using technology to make the game safer. Williams, who retired in 2004 after 14 years in the league, said there are far more precautions in place than when he played. He was a teammate of Andre Waters and Dave Duerson, two former players featured in "Concussion" who suffered cognitive issues before killing themselves, then were diagnosed

with CTE afterward. "The technology, the adjustments that have been made, players being diagnosed immediately and having to stay out even against their own wishes. In the past, when I played, guys got back in the field or they just disguised it. We used to call it 'having your bell rung," he said. "I am definitely excited about today's player being able to get action real-time as to what's going on with their brains."

Kraft said the expo exposed the players to various health issues that transcended concussions alone.

"I really think that may be overdone a little bit. I mean, I don't think the game has ever been safer than it is now," Kraft said, noting new rules, equipment and medical care available

Through Football Research Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to the research and development of novel methods to prevent, mitigate and treat traumatic head injury, some of those initiatives include:



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Central Division								
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	_				
Chicago	35	34	.507	11/2				
Pittsburgh	32	38	.457	5				
St. Louis	31	37	.456	5				
Cincinnati	30	39	.435	61/2				

West	t Div	ision
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cho Sr. said that his son did

After his baptism of fire in

spirit," he said.

"There's a UFC event in Ja-

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# Sidekicks U10 FC vs Kanoa FC U12



Sidekicks Football Club players, their coach, and a parent pose for a photo after being treated to a lunch by McDonald's last Friday before they play against Kanoa Football Club in a friendly game at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Kanoa FC U12's Markus Toves attempts during the second half of their game against the visiting team from Guam.



Kanoa FC U12's Devin Propst, right, and three Sidekick Football Club players chase the ball.



A Sidekick Football Club player kicks the ball.



The Sidekick Football Club goalie kicks the ball.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO A Sidekick Football Club player, left, deflects a shot from Kanoa FC U12's Andrew Sablan, right.



Kanoa FC U12's Ruben Guerrero dribbles away from a Sidekick Football Club defender.



ROSELYN B. MONROY Sidekick Football Club coaches watch the action at the pitch.





Kluber has 5th areer shutout as Cleveland wins 6th straight

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# 'The Crank' signs 4-fight deal with UFC



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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

ollowers of Ultimate Fighting Challenge have not seen the last of Frank "The Crank" Camacho, as the Marianas pride has agreed to a four-fight deal with the largest MMA promotion company in the world.

"After the fight I made an impression with the UFC team and matchmakers. They said they will definitely have me on the next UFC card. I signed a four-fight deal with them and I am excited about it," said Camacho, who debuted in UFC last Saturday at Fight Night 111 against China Top Team's Jingliang Li.



"Although I did not get the win last weekend, I had a decent showing to where the UFC and fight fans around the world want to see me fight again," said Camacho.

The 28-year-old Camacho lost to Li via unanimous decision, but not after pounding his foe with a straight right in

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against TanHoldings FC U10,

11-1, Kanoa FC U10, 10-1,

and Matansa FC U10, 9-0, be-

fore falling to Kanoa U12, 0-7.

"The winning margins may be big, but these do not reflect the great games showed by the opposing teams. Our players and players from the clubs we faced showed tremendous talents and lots of promise,"

## 670 Sonics XVI, Natibu Warriors win

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The 670 Sonics XVI

Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym-🗃 nasium.

and Natibu Warriors posted contrasting victories in the boys U18 division of the 2017

Natibu earned a double-digit winning

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The NMI Rollers' Kenji Abobo tries to dribble past Mt. Carmel School's Matthew Richardson during an earlier game in the boys U18 division of the Diaz youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# Sidekicks FC nearly sweeps friendly matches

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The visiting Sidekick Football

Club won its first three friendly games here before dropping the final [ one last weekend at the

Koblerville Elementary School Field.

The Guam-based club prevailed

> said Sidekick FC coach Paul Sidekick FC bought 12 of the 13 players from its boys U10 roster to Saipan not only to challenge Northern Mariana Islands Football Association member clubs, but also to prepare for the upcoming fall See SIDEKICKS on Page 26

> ROSELYN B. MONROYO Sidekick Football Club, right, and Matansa Football Club players kick the ball during the first half of their friendly game last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

